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of the
TOWN OFFICERS

of the Town of
DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1977



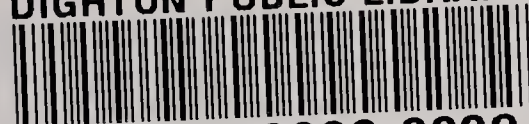
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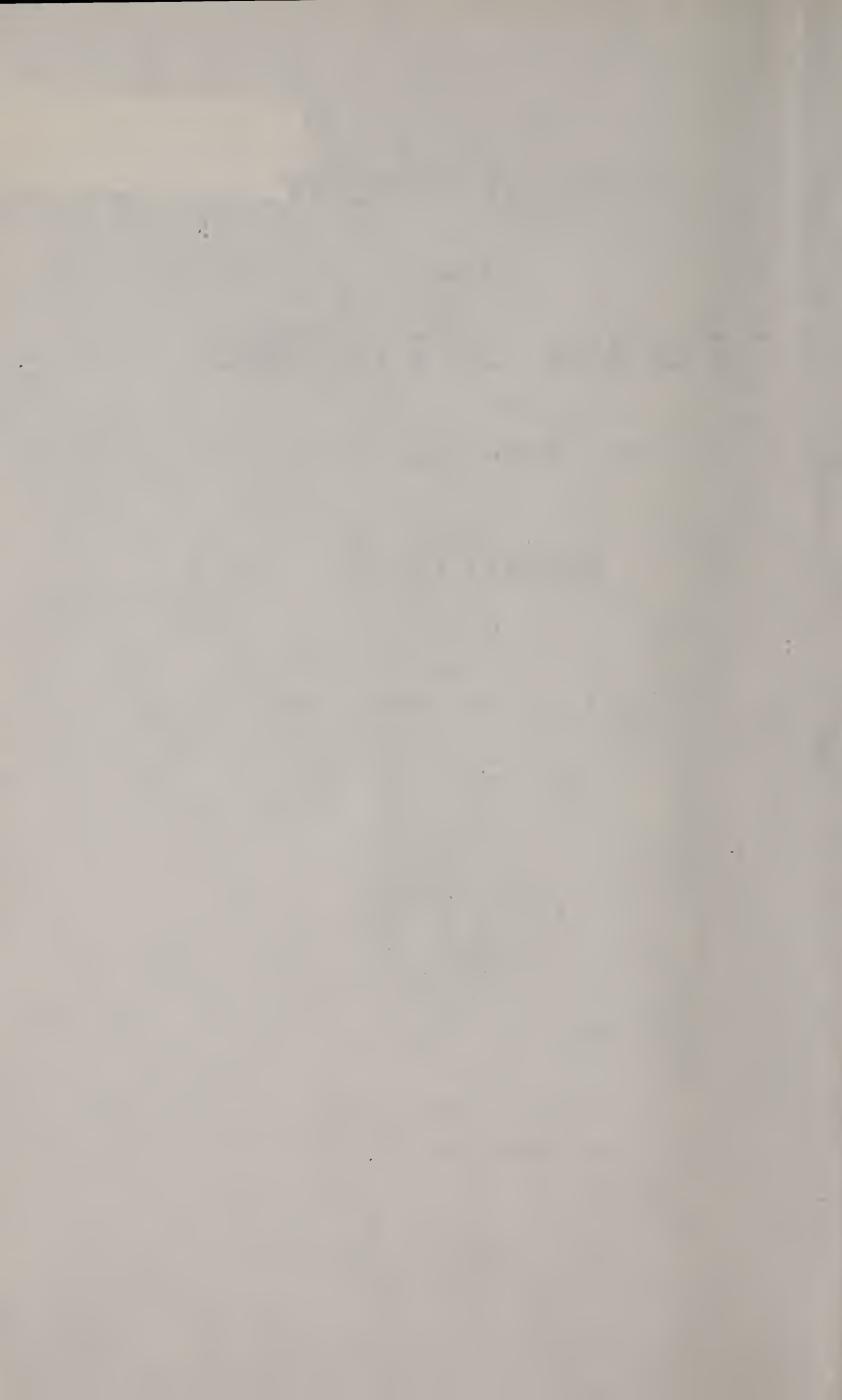
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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

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			Term
Board of Selectmen	Address	Telephone	Expires
Edward J. Santos, Ch.	No. Dighton	669-5654	1979
Myrna D. Adams	Segreganset	669-5787	1978
Charles P. Terry	No. Dighton	823-1194	1980
Board of Health			
Myrna D. Adams, Ch.	Segreganset	669-5787	1978
Edward J. Santos	No. Dighton	669-5654	1979
Charles P. Terry	No. Dighton	823-1194	1980
Town Clerk			
Frank R. Rogers	No. Dighton	822-9498	1980
Town Collector			
Frank R. Rogers	No. Dighton	822-9498	1980
Town Treasurer			
Frank R. Rogers	No. Dighton	822-9498	1980
Moderator			
Ralph M. Deane	No. Dighton	823-1234	1978
Assessors			
Harold Mendoza, Ch.	Dighton	669-6079	1979
Leo T. Pivorotto, Clerk	No. Dighton	824-4998	1980
Richard Arruda	No. Dighton	669-5424	1978
Tree Warden			
Alfred M. Perry	Dighton	669-5461	1978
School Committee			
Charles E. McKenna, Ch.	Dighton	669-5738	1978
Robert S. McConville, Sec.	No. Dighton	823-1333	1980
Wallace A. Wood, Fin. Sec.	Dighton	669-5515	1978
Maynard F. Horton, Jr., Rep. D.R.	No. Dighton	824-5605	1979

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Nicholas T. Santore	No. Dighton	669-5078	1979
John T. Harris, Sch. Bld. Comm.	Dighton	669-5438	1980
David R. Neely, Alt. D.R. & #37	Dight on		1980

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Committee

Richard F. Simmons, Ch.	No. Dighton	822-6791	1979
John A. Burke	No. Dighton	823-8320	1980

Planning Board

William Costa, Ch. (Resigned 6/11/77)			
Frank N. Alves, Jr., Ch.	Dighton	669-5553	1982
Don C. Boisvert, V. Ch.	No. Dighton	822-9286	1978
Jean P. Pelletier, Clerk	Segreganset	669-5457	1979
Paul Joly	Dighton	669-5304	1980
Robert F. Ferreira (Appt. 7/13/77) Rep. to SRPEDD	Dighton	669-5490	1978

Trustees of Public Library

Joseph C. Hathaway	Dighton	669-5955	1980
Wilma Schultz	No. Dighton	822-6644	1979
Patrick W. Menges	Segreganset	669-6782	1978

Playground Commission

Gary T. Sanson	No. Dighton	822-2181	1980
Sydney Smith	No. Dighton	823-3500	1979
William A. Ashcroft	Dighton	669-5674	1978

Housing Authority

Norman LaFrance, Ch.	No. Dighton	822-4700	1981
Frank Costa, Jr., Sec.	No. Dighton	669-5327	1982
Richard S. Briggs, Treas.	Dighton	669-5166	1979
Albert Reed, Asst. Treas.	Dighton	669-2721	1978
Osmond D. Crotty	No. Dighton	824-4522	1979

COMMITTEES APPOINTED**Finance Committee**

Armand Gagne, Chairman
Charles A. Roderigues, Vice Chairman
Pamela Leach, Clerk
Wendell Brechin
Joseph Pacheco
Robert Barboza
Ernest Atwood II

Board of Registrars

Frank R. Rogers, Clerk
Elliot Hathaway
Alice Souza
Janice M. Benson

Board of Appeals

Frohman Anderson, Chairman
Joseph Lawrence
Richard M. Arruda
William E. Johnson
J. Ford Golsby
Alternate
Thomas Wynn

Conservation Commission

William Frenette, Chairman
Charles Mello, Vice Chairman
Frances Crawford
James Digits

Cemetery Commission

Helen Brown
Elaine Varley
Arthur Morton

Historical Commission

Charles Harris, Chairman
Robert McGuirk, Vice Chairman

Helen Lane, Member Emeritus
Helen Brown
Dr. Rose Borges
Arthur Staples
Elaine Varley
Edward Silvia

Industrial Development Financing Authority

Joseph C. Murray, Chairman	1982
Frank R. Rogers, Secretary	1979
James F. Maguire	1978
Malcolm T. McCutcheon, Vice Chairman	1981
James B. Murphy	1980

Advisory Committee on Job and Rate Classification

David R. Neely
Malcolm T. McCutcheon
Barbara A. Engler
Sandra L. Ferreira
Roger B. Perry

Council on Aging

Helen Lawrence, Chairman
Dr. Rose Borges, Vice Chairman
Muriel Carey, Secretary
Francis McDermott, Treasurer
Bella Boucher, Social Services
Marguerite Pelletier, Health Programs
Thomas K. Webster, Bristol County Home Care
Joseph R. Silvia
Lester H. Lassen
Theodore Ladd
Hannah Bonvie

Local Growth Policy Committee

Edward J. Santos
William Costa
William Frenette
Norman LaFrance
Robert F. Ferreira

Myrna D. Adams
Charles Harris
Helen Brown
Charles McKenna
J.Ford Golsby
Judith Ferry

School Planning & Building Committee

Clifford A. Wood, Chairman
Mary L. Giannakoulas, Secretary
Joseph Quintal, Jr.
Bruce M. Murphy, Vice Chairman
Ellis E. Strange, Jr.
Hans Paulsen
Nicholas T. Santore
Edward J. Santos
William Costa

Ration Fuel Shortage Emergency Board

Board of Selectmen, Civil Defense Director, Clerk to Board
of Selectmen

1977 SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

Fence Viewers: Harold Mendoza, Leo Pivirotto, Richard Arruda

Civil Defense Director: Harold Gracia, (Resigned 9/30/77)
Ronald O'Connor, (Appt. 11/2/77)

Agents to the Board of Health: Leo A. Duffy, Frank R. Rogers

Burial Agent: Arthur Morton

Inspector of Animals: John A. Berger

Secretary to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health:
Leah B. Crosby, (Resigned 12/30/77)
Eleanor Dupont, (Appt. 12/26/77)

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw

Assistant Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom

Veterans Agent: Ralph M. Deane, Jr.

Supt. of Insect Pest Control: Alfred M. Perry

Dog Officer: Antone Katon

Agent to the Board of Selectmen: Leo A. Duffy

Auctioneer: Frank R. Rogers

Special Police Officer—BCAS: James Vieira

Gas Appliance Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Sanitation Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Public Weighers—ICI United States: Alfonse Sollitto, Thomas Washington

Inspector of Wires: Robert Bleau

Associate Inspector of Wires: John Gonsalves, Jr.

Plumbing Inspector: Donald French

Associate Plumbing Inspector: John P. DeCambra

Building Inspector: Maynard F. Horton, Sr.

Assoc. Building Inspector: George A. Perry

Constables: Frank R. Rogers, Karl K. Spratt, Jr., Richard Bragga

Conservation Commission: Frances Craford, Henry L. Burt (Deceased 5/24/77), James F. Digits, William Frenette, Charles Mello, Ronald O'Connor (Appt. 10/12/77)

Council on Aging: Hannah Bonvie, Dr. Rose Borges, Rosebelle M. Boucher, Muriel Carey, Theodore Ladd, Lester Lassen, Francis McDermott, Marguerite E. Pelletier

Historical Commission: Helen A. Brown, Dr. Rose Borges, Charles W. Harris, Robert McGuirk, Arthur Staples Elaine Varley, Helen H. Lane, Member Emeritus

Town Forest Committee: William Andrews, Henry L. Burt (Dec.), William Harrison Charles Leonard

Bridge Tender: Joseph F. Tatro (Resigned) ; Joseph Medeiros (Appt.)

Sealer of Weights & Measures: George A. Perry

Cemetery Commission: Arthur Morton

Town Counsel: Peter B. Gay

Industrial Commission: James B. Murphy

Finance Committee: Pamela Leach

Board of Appeals: J. Ford Golsby

Chief of Police: Karl K. Spratt, Jr.

Sergeant: Antone R. Katon

Patrolmen: Jon D. Bettencourt, Thomas M. Ferreira, Alfred Pacheco, Jr., Edward A. Pierce, Jr., Gary T. Sanson, Richard A. Souza

Secretary/Policewoman: Janet B. Simmons

Policewomen: Carolyn M. Booth, Albertine L. Dwyer, Violet M. Horton

Reserve Officers: Everett A. Almeida, Manuel F. Botelho, Joseph Cordeiro, Jr., Joseph Pimento, Jr., Richard A. Smith, Norman E. Courcy, Kenneth W. Cummings, Roger S. Duarte, William A. Rasmussen, Jr., Gilbert H. Harnett, Michael A. Koneski, A. David O'Connell, Donald S. St. Pierre

Special Officers: Frank N. Alves, Jr., Douglas R. Fredericks, Paul R. Joly, Peter A. Michalenka, William S. Raposa, Frank Virdinlia, Wayne F. Butler, Tobias Freitas, Walter A. Jones, Ronald F. O'Connor, John E. Rasmussen, Ronald R. Whitmore, Clayton B. Forgan, John P. Hunt, William E. McKenney, John Perry, Jr., William D. Rose, David A. Rosa, Daniel P. Rico, Robert A. O'Connell, James M. McGovern, Douglas E. Costa, Norman F. Brogan, Jr.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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The regular Annual Town Meeting for the election of officers for the Town of Dighton was held at Town Hall on March 7, 1977 on warrant dated February 23, 1977.

The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by Frank R. Rogers, Town Clerk. The balloting was under the supervision of the following Election Officers, duly sworn in by Mr. Rogers: Elaine Varley, Warden; Irene Goulart, Clerk; Percy Simmons, Alice Rogers, Hazel Reed, Mary Katon, Mary Perry, Alice Souza, Adele Rose, Bernice Darling, Emily Pilling, Helen McCarthy, Helen Brown, Judith Ferry.

The polls were closed at 8 P.M. The total number of votes cast was 1165; the ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectman for Three Years—Charles P. Terry

Moderator for One Year—Ralph M. Deane, Jr.

Town Clerk for Three Years—Frank R. Rogers

Town Collector for Three Years—Frank R. Rogers

Town Treasurer for Three Years—Frank R. Rogers

Assessor for Three Years—Leo T. Pivirotto

Tree Warden for One Year—Alfred M. Perry

School Committee for Three Years—Robert S. McConville,
John T. Harris, David R. Neely

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee for Three
Years—John A. Burke

Planning Board for Five Years—Frank N. Alves

Planning Board for One Year—Don C. Boisvert

Trustee of Public of Public Library for Three Years—
Joseph C. Hathaway

Playground Commissioner for Three Years—Gary T. San-
son

Housing Authority for Five Years—Frank G. Costa, Jr.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—MAY 2, 1977

The Annual Town Meeting held May 2, 1977 at Town Hall, was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ralph M. Deane, Jr., Moderator. Checkers were Elaine Varley, Irene Goulart, Helen Atwood and Mary Perry. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Edward Santos recognized the following for their service to the Town of Dighton:

Robert F. Ferreira—Board of Selectmen & Board of Health Mar. 1974 to Mar. 1977

Henry L. Bennett—Finance Committee 1974 to 1976, School Committee from Mar. 1976 to Mar. 1977

Henry D. Descoteaux—School Committee Mar. 1971 to Mar. 1977

David L. Phillips—Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee Mar. 1968 to Mar. 1977

George A. Perry—Oct. 13, 1965 to March 1976 Appt. 7/23/76 to Planning Board to March 1977.

Earl C. Hathaway—Deceased Oct. 7, 1976—Street Dept. Sept. 1943 to Dec. 1975—Burial Agent and Cemetery Commissioner.

Helen A. Brown, Chairman of Dighton BiCentennial Committee—1972 to 1977.

Other BiCentennial Committee Members—Elaine Varley, Charles W. Harris, Marion Harrison, Frank Rogers, Mrs. Henry Burt, Eunisa G. Wordell, Eleanor C. Roy, Emily Pilling, Robert Ferreira, William Grover, Ellen B. Shaw, Helen H. Lane, Albert Reed, John Ingham, Mrs. Janice Terry, Mrs. Stella Horrocks, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Rose, Marjorie Walker, Mrs. Douglas Wells and the Dighton Lions.

Joseph Medeiros—Street Dept. 1960 to 1977.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to consider adjournment at 11:30 P.M.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Pamela Leach that the reports of the Town Officials as printed and published in the Annual Town Report Book be accepted.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Robert Barboza that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Richard Simmons that the Town raise and appropriate \$20,107.99 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Town's share of the capital expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Robert T. Roy that the Town raise and appropriate \$605,872.91 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Town's share of the operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(5) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate, raise and appropriate and transfer, appropriate and transfer, the following:

Account	Amount	Maker of Motion
1. Interest on Loans	1,000.00	Frank Rogers
2. School Dept.	1,187,214.00	Charles McKenna
3. Pub. Lib. Tran. Free Cash	7,268.87	
St. Aid to P. L.	1,750.13	
	<u>9,019.00</u>	Joseph Hathaway

4. Board of Selectmen	19,829.00	Edward Santos
5. Town Acc'tant Free Cash	12,160.00	Edward Santos
6. Town Clerk	11,907.00	Frank Rogers
7. Town Collector	14,618.00	Frank Rogers
8. Town Treasurer	12,301.00	Frank Rogers
9. Tax Title Acc't Free Cash	1,600.00	Frank Rogers
10. Tax Possession Account	100.00	Frank Rogers
11. Board of Assessors	33,456.00*	Harold Mendoza
12. Finance Committee	100.00	Armand Gagne
13. Elections & Reg. Fr. Cash	3,450.00	Frank Rogers
14. Planning Board Free Cash	9,435.00	John Pelletier
15. Board of Appeals	300.00	Myrna Adams
16. Town Office Ac. Fr. Cash	15,995.00**	Myrna Adams
17. Industrial Commission	100.00	Charles Terry
18. Conservation Commission	350.00	Edward Santos
19. Town Counsel Free Cash	7,500.00	Charles Terry
20. Police Dept. Raise & Ap.	65,125.00	
Transfer from Rev. Shar.	90,000.00	
	<u>155,125.00</u>	Karl K. Spratt
21. Fire Department	71,610.00	Joseph T. White
22. Hydrant Rental Free Cash	1,700.00	Joseph T. White
23. Insect Pest Control	800.00	Myrna Adams
24. Shade Tree Acct.	500.00	Charles Terry
25. Care of Town Elms	1,800.00	Charles Terry
26. Civil Defense Free Cash	1,750.00	Harold Gracia
27. Dog Officer	4,050.00	Antone Katon
28. Communications Center	35,312.00***	Edward Santos
29. Board of Health Fr. Cash	7,500.00	Myrna Adams
30. Care of Landfill Area	24,834.00	Edward Santos
31. Highway Department	125,459.00****	Alfred Perry
32. Brush Control	600.00	Alfred Perry
33. Sidewalk Maint. Fr. Cash	1,500.00	Myrna Adams
34. B.-Digh. Bridge Fr. Cash	1,200.00	Charles Terry
35. Veterans Acct.	20,000.00	Edward Santos
36. Playgr. & Rec. Free Cash	9,453.00	William Ashcroft
37. Memorial Day Observance	250.00	Charles Terry
38. Civic Ctr. Maintenance	750.00	Myrna Adams
39. County Retirement Fund	45,465.20	Frank Rogers Am.
40. Town Insurance	37,835.00	Edward Santos

41. Contributory Group Ins.	43,981.00	Edward Santos
42. State Retirement	1,250.00	Charles Terry
43. Council on Aging	4,505.00	Myrna Adams
44. Historical Commission	300.00	Charles Harris
45. Tuitions	450.00	Edward Santos
46. Cemeteries—Pub. Prop.	1,100.00	Myrna Adams

*and of this amount \$200.00 be set aside for out of state travel.

**and of this amount \$600.00 be set aside for out of state travel.

*and of this amount \$7,146.96 be transferred from Title II AntiRecession Fiscal Assistance Public Works Employment Act of 1976.

****and of this amount \$11,213.04 be transferred from Title II AntiRecession Fiscal Assistance Public Works Employment Act of 1976.

(6) VOTED: On motion of Wendell Brechin that the salaries of the elected Town Officials as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts be established for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.

Board of Assessors—

Chairman CMA	\$15,280.00
Member	1,700.00
Member	1,700.00

Board of Selectmen—

Chairman	4,500.00
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Board of Health—

Chairman	4,000.00
Member	3,000.00

Moderator	100.00
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Town Clerk	4,500.00
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Town Collector	5,500.00
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Town Treasurer	4,500.00
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Tree Warden	100.00
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(7) VOTED: On motion of Karl K. Spratt that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$5,500.00 for the purchase of one new motor vehicle with accessories and equipment for the use of the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one 1975 Police Department vehicle as a trade value in the purchase of same, or by other action, whichever proves to be in the best interest of the Town (See Art. 23).

(8) VOTED: On motion of Edward J. Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$14,000.00 to the Road Machinery Account for the purpose of maintaining and repairing vehicles and equipment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.

(9) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$11,500.00 for the purchase of one six wheel dump truck with necessary accessories and equipment for the use of the Highway Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one 1968 Highway Department dump truck as a trade value in the purchase of same.

(10) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$5,282.00 for the purchase of one commercial type tractor with the following equipment: rotary mower, sickle bar, snow thrower and blade.

(11) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$27,823.00 to be used for construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town Roads in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 765, Section 4, Acts of 1972.

(12) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$9,308.00 to be used for construction, reconstruction and im-

provement of Town Roads said appropriation to be used in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Chp. 765, Section 4, Acts of 1972.

(13) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of continuing the Highway Maintenance Program for the fiscal year 1978.

(14) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of continuing the reconstruction of Maple Street.

(15) VOTED: On motion of Edward J. Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$4,500.00 from the Center & Main Street Force Account to construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town Roads.

\$3,000.00—Transfer from State Funds, Chp. 765, Sec. 4,
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1,500.00—Transfer from Center & Main St. F.A., Town
Funds

(16) VOTED: On motion of Charles Terry that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth and/or federally aided programs for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town roads.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Karl K. Spratt that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$806.00 to be used to purchase speed signs to be placed on various Town streets.

(18) VOTED: On motion of Charles Terry that the Town

vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purpose of helping to defray the operating expenses of the Dighton-Berkley Community Services Organization.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Frank Rogers that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$3,300.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new door for the Town vault.

(20) VOTED: On motion of Joseph Hathaway that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$1,003.34, the Dog Tax Refund, to the Public Library Account.

(21) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purpose of helping to defray the operating expenses of the Rapoza-Knott Post as provided by Chapter 40, Section 9, General Laws.

(22) VOTED: On motion of Charles Terry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$400.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978 the Mosquito Control work as estimated and certified to by the State.

(23) VOTED: On motion of Joseph T. White, Amended by John Harris and Wendell Brechin that the Town vote to substitute the 1975 Police Cruiser mentioned in Article 7, in lieu of new vehicle for use of the Fire Dept. and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to dispose of the 1969 vehicle.

(24) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purchase of one copy machine to be used for Town Office purposes.

(25) Motion to table by Wendell Brechin Defeated.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Santos to postpone voting on Article 25 until Fire Department members return from fire call.

(26) VOTED: On motion of Joseph Hathaway that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$850.00 from the Public Library Heating and Air Conditioning Account to be used to purchase and install storm windows for the Dighton Library and to transfer the sum of \$411.00 from the Public Library Heating and Air Conditioning Account to E. & D.

(27) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$250.00 for the purchase of one Tape Recorder and necessary additional equipment for the use of the Town Offices.

(28) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of three air conditioners to be used for Town Office purposes.

(29) Amendment by Steven Gourley to amend Article 29 to read that the Town raise and appropriate \$38,000.00 for the purpose of covering the costs of a landfill engineering plan for land abutting the present landfill site and that the Selectmen be instructed to purchase the 50 acres from the owner, of this amount, \$21,000.00 to be transferred from overlay surplus; \$35,000 land, \$1,000 Title Search & Closing Costs, \$2,000 Engineering plan. Motion was ruled to entirely change intent of main motion and was not accepted.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos, amended by Edward Santos, that the Town appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$21,000.00, a portion of which is to be used to hire a consulting engineer to check and study possible locations that might be accepted for a landfill area for the Town of Dighton.

(30) No Motion. Article 30 declared dead.

Recall of Article 25.

(25) DEFEATED: Motion by Gilbert Garnett to see if the Town will vote to create a Communications Department for the purpose of maintaining and operating the Communications Center. The administration of said Department shall be equally and mutually of the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department. The administration shall be responsible for the appointment and training of personnel and to provide necessary policies for the efficient operation of the Communications Center.

(31) DEFEATED: Amendment by George Ball that it be illegal for dogs to run free and a fine of \$20.00 be imposed for each violation, excluding hunting dogs hunting with their masters.

DEFEATED: Motion by Fannie Lima for establishment of a Leash Law for the Town of Dighton and providing a fine for each violation.

(32) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Wallace Wood to Table motion to approve the construction of an Administration Building by the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional District School Committee.

(33) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$39.24—Police Department to pay prior year bill.

(34) VOTED: On motion of Don Boisvert that pursuant to a request of the Planning Board that Stanzione Drive, as described in a deed on file with the Town Clerk, be accepted and established as a public highway and named Stanzione Drive, a description of which is contained on a Subdivision Plan, known as Roman Country Estates, located west of Williams Street, dated January, 1974, by Anthony G. Stanzione, Registered Engineer and Philip S. Mancini, Jr., Registered Engineer, together with a quitclaim deed as filed with the Town Clerk.

(35) VOTED: On motion of Karl K. Spratt that the Town vote to accept Chapter 40, Section 8G, Massachusetts General Laws, whereby "a city or town which accepts this section may enter into an agreement with another city or town, or other cities or towns to provide mutual aid programs for police departments to increase the capability of such departments to protect the lives, safety and property of the people in the area designated in this agreement. Said agreement may include the furnishing of personal services, supplies, materials, contractual services, and equipment when the resources normally available to any municipality in the agreement are not sufficient to cope with a situation which requires police action." Said agreement to be approved and authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

(36) Motion made by Patrick Menges to hear report of Planning Board on Article 32 of the warrant for the May 3, 1976 Annual Town Meeting; to wit, a petition of Nina W. Menges and others relative to trailers and mobile homes.

Mr. William Costa gave a verbal report that the Planning Board met and decided to let it die in committee because it was not in the best interest of the Town.

VOTED: On motion of Wendell Brechin to accept report of the Planning Board.

(37) William Costa read report of hearing of April 24, 1977 relative to repeal of Zoning By-Law on Trailers. Approximately twenty people attended the hearing. Almost all attending gave many and diverse opinions. The majority, fourteen in number, wished to keep the By-Law and six were in favor of the repeal. The April 27, 1977 meeting of the Planning Board after the public hearing relative to repeal of Zoning By-Law on trailers—a motion was made and seconded that the Planning Board vote on the trailer petition. It was unanimously voted by the Planning Board to recommend to the voters of Dighton that they reject the petition. Reasons: The surrounding towns do not at present allow any additional trailers. The Planning Board feels that there would

be an influx of trailers in the Town. Those attending the public hearing indicated in the majority that they would not like to see the By-Law repealed.

Hand vote requested by Moderator, Ralph Deane.

DEFEATED: Motion by Patrick Menges to amend Zoning By-Law by striking from Item 2 of Section 6 of Article VI, entitled 'GENERAL PROVISIONS—Accessory Uses', the following words,

' . . . nor shall a trailer, mobile home, quonset hut be permitted as a principal or accessory use in any district.', repealing Item 5 of Section 3 of Article VII, entitled 'Administration and Enforcement—Building Permits', and adding to the said Zoning By-Law the following words,

'Nothing in this By-Law shall be construed to prohibit the principal or accessory use of not more than one trailer or mobile home on any single lot in any district provided that the use is permitted by the Table of Use Regulations hereinbefore set forth, and that the unit and its use comply with all other laws and regulations applicable thereto.'

Yes 22

No 130

(38) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to accept a Community Development Block Grant from HUD, said grant having been made for the express purpose of an addition to the Community Center at the Lincoln Village Housing for the Elderly; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to expend any and/or all funds received, or to be received, under the said grant in compliance with rules and regulations pertaining thereto. \$43,300.00

(39) VOTED: On motion of Charles Terry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$15,000.00 to the Reserve Account appropriation in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

(40) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages from land in con-

junction with the fiscal year ending' June 30, 1978 Highway Program under the Town Road Program.

(41) VOTED: On motion of William Ashcroft that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purpose of holding a Town holiday to be called Dighton Day, under the direction of the Playground Commission.

(42) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,333.33 to furnish rubbish and garbage collection for all Town residents.

(43) VOTED: On motion of Joseph T. White, amended by Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$2,000.00 to purchase a new Modular Fire Radio for use in the Communication Center and to retain the old unit as a back up unit.

(44) Report of Growth Policy Committee given by Judith Ferry.

Dighton is a semi-rural community of approximately 5,000 people. It has had a relatively slow to moderate growth rate since 1950. Its location, centralized between three cities with easy access to main highways, has not as yet, led to major industrialization. Proposed municipal improvements such as schools, land acquisition, town offices, police station complex and sewerage has been defeated by the voters. Dighton is presently involved with a major water pollution problem.

The Town's physical condition over the past 15 years has improved with better roadways and improved layouts of housing because of good zoning practices. Many people in the community are self-employed, approximately ninety businesses have been established. Th LGPC sees a major concern of this community in its "character" and identity, which have been preserved by past growth.

The Town has responded to growth by adopting zoning

controls and updating the zoning map and by-laws. The zoning has been relatively successful in avoiding "detrimental" development and the town officials have successfully implemented building codes and zoning rules and regulations. The zoning by-laws include specific wetlands districts, conservancy districts, phased-growth provisions, transfer development rights, site plan review and agricultural land protection. To control growth, the regulations do not allow apartments or trailers; allow housing at a low density for most undeveloped land; and allow commercial development only in specific, well-defined areas. There are large undeveloped areas zoned for industry.

In response to requirements, the Town has upgraded its refuse disposal operation to a sanitary landfill.

One of the current problems is the need for sewage treatment facilities. Drinking water supply is also a concern to the Dighton residents. The Town purchases water from the City of Taunton for the North District and needs to develop additional sources. The Town needs expanded school facilities and space. Other problems of concern is the need to acquire land now and in the near future for public purposes, specifically for municipal buildings, additional areas for recreation. The motivation of townspeople into being knowledgeable about Town policies is also a concern. Opportunities are mainly in the availability of time to correct deficiencies and deal with problems. Public hearings are held on new and old issues and the voters can take the necessary action to solve current problems.

The following changes will probably take place in the future: Farming will continue to grow as people realize the potential of supporting local farm production; locally-owned specialty businesses will continue to develop throughout the Town; more light industry will move into the Town into the vacant Dighton Industries complex, and other industries in town will expand facilities. Other likely changes noted by the LGPC are:

1. Growth will be slow-moderate depending on the economy as a whole.

2. Sewage will become available.
3. Property taxes will increase.
4. Development overflow from other communities will increase population in the Dighton area.
5. Crime rate will increase, necessitating stricter law enforcement.

The LGPC indicated that the desired future would be in terms of "equal balance" within the Community. The housing will be for low to middle income persons; industry will move in; small business will continue; historical sites will be preserved; a recreation area along the river bank will be acquired; there will be planned multi-family housing in areas; a mobile home park; the semi-rural character of the Town will be preserved as long as possible; the water supply will be enlarged; and there will be a plan for landfill areas.

Other communities affect Dighton somewhat in the increasing amount of commuter traffic and crime. Resident employment and shopping activities take place within a 25 mile radius. The LGPC states that they will encourage the town and region (Berkley, Somerset, Swansea, Rehoboth and Taunton) to acquire more land either by Town, State or Federal funding, for recreation, conservation, cultural, and municipal building purposes. The LGPC feels that statewide problems that the state should be looking into are unemployment, the energy crisis (why should we pay 1/3 more) better policing of welfare and medicare, taxes, either promote a tax base for transfer Development Rights or have property taxed on return potential, school funds promised but never fully received by the Town, more responsibility be given to the Towns, too much bureaucratic structure to facilitate state aid programs. Dighton residents do not want to participate in regional programs as they feel local control is lost.

Recommendations: Town Committees should be educated on issues;

Railroad land should be publicly owned;

Legislators should come to each community on a regular basis to work and discuss problems.

There should be more voter participation and motivation.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that report be accepted as report of progress.

(45) VOTED: On motion of Charles Terry that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at Public Auction or Private Sale all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

Amendment by Robert Russell to strike out Private Sale. Defeated.

(46) VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, to dispose of used materials returned to them by sale at Public Auction.

(47) VOTED: On motion of Frank Rogers that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(48) RESOLUTION OF ROBERT RUSSELL that the TOWN OF DIGHTON express their highest appreciation to MR. ROBERT T. ROY for the work he has done and to commend him for his many years of fine service to the DIGHTON SCHOOL SYSTEM. VOTED BY ACCLAMATION.

Finance Committee for 1977-1978 was announced by Ralph Deane, Moderator as follows: Armand Gagne, Charles Roderigues, Pamela Leach, Joseph Pacheco, Wendell Brechin, Robert Barboza, Ernest Atwood II.

Meeting adjourned 11:37 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting held June 29, 1977 at Town Hall was called to order at 8:04 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator. Checker was Irene Goulart.

VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

DEFEATED: Motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land (approximately 1.87 acres) and including a right of way leading to same. Said parcel being located on the east side of Somerset Ave. and adjacent to the Penn Central Railroad tracks. Right of Way formerly referred to as Town Way to the Thomas Rose Landing in Dighton Proprietors Books. The purpose of the purchase is to establish a Town Gravel Bank; or take any other action relative thereto.

Yes 30 No 17 Secret Ballot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator. Checkers were Irene Goulart and Mary Perry.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus \$3,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land (approximately 1.87 acres) and including a right of way leading to same. Said parcel being located on the east side of Somerset Avenue and adjacent to the Penn Central Railroad tracks. Right of Way formrly referred to as Town Way to Thomas Rose landing in Dighton Proprietors Books. The purpose of purchase is to establish a Town Gravel Bank. Yes 137

No 47. Secret Ballot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting held July 25, 1977 at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator. Checkers were Irene Goulart and Mary Perry.

VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Myrna Adams to dispense with the reading of the Articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

(1) Edward Santos explained that a Public Hearing must be held first before the motion can be acted upon.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Motion by Edward Santos to table Art. 1.

(2) Ralph Deane explained that prior year bills had not been approved by the State and could not be acted upon.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Motion by Edward Santos to table Art. 2.

(3) Edward Santos gave background for meeting explaining what Facilities Plan was. Mr. Charest of Tibbetts Engineering presented their preliminary findings which favored a package treatment plant over other considered alternatives. Mr. Mendoza discussed the tax base and result of court fines and penalties would have on taxes. Myrna Adams stated that although it was not in the article that the Facilities Plan to be for North Dighton Area only.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town appropriate \$60,000.00 for the cost of engineering services necessary in the preparation of a facilities plan, said facilities plan to include plans and specifications for construction of sewers, sewerage systems and sewerage treatment and disposal facilities; and to further include plan or scope of study as part of a Step One Grant application; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$60,000.00 under G.L. c44, s.7

(22) as amended; and that the Selectmen are authorized to contract for federal and state aid which shall be spent for the project, provided that the total authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid available to meet planning costs. Hand Vote Yes 211 No 14.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

The Special Town Meeting held October 12, 1977 at Town Hall was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Ralph Deane, Moderator. Checker was Elaine Varley.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

(1) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,228.02 to pay prior years' bills.

Veterans Account	\$3,074.02
Engineering Survey	125.00
Vehicle Insurance	29.00
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	\$3,228.02

(2) VOTED: On motion of Harold Mendoza that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,100.00 for the purpose of making improvements to the Assessors' Tax Maps.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Harold Mendoza that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$350.00 to defray charges for the materials and labor for the relocation of the Assessors' Office and this amount to be added to the Assessors' Budget.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Title II Anti Recession Fiscal Assistance Funds of the Public Works Employment act of 1976 the sum of \$3,350.00. This being an additional sum of money necessary to cover the cost of rubbish and garbage collection for all Town Residents for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.

(5) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Title II Anti Recession Fiscal Assistance Funds, of the Public Works Employment act of 1976 the sum of \$4,673.00. This being an additional sum of money necessary for the care and maintenance of the Landfill Account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.

(6) VOTED: On motion of Karl K. Spratt, Jr. that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of (1) reconditioned radar unit for speed control to replace an unrepairable radar unit. This equipment is for the use of the Police Department.

(7) VOTED: On motion of Charles Terry that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,900.00 for the purchase of one (1) new base radio unit to replace an older existing unit.

(8) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to Table Article 8.

Mrs. Elaine Varley was commended for her work on the BiCentennial Committee by Edward Santos, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Attest:

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON—1977

Date	Name	Parents
FEBRUARY		
4	Jennifer Latimer Howe	Robert F. & Ann Latimer Howe
26	Meredith Lynn Reba	James J. & Marie Louise Accettullo Reba
MARCH		
5	Leeanne Hubbard	William F. & Lois Ann Dooley Hubbard
22	Erika Lynne Field	Glen A. & Elizabeth M. Hopkins Field
27	Thomas William Machado	Ronald J. & Susan Ridley Machado
APRIL		
4	Amy Jean Curtis	Robert D. & Janice L. Silvia Curtis
25	Kyle Anson Long	David J. & Patricia M. Medeiros Long
MAY		
10	Corey James O'Connell	Robert J. & Kimberly J. Grace O'Connell
18	Jeremy Frederick Williams	Frederick N. & Susan J. Langfield Williams
18	Troy Allen Parkinson	Harold & Jannie A. Bullard Parkinson, Jr.
27	Paul Leonard Silvia	William E. & Nancy Lee Smallman Silvia
27	John Lucien Nasrah	Lucien H. & Elaine A. Nassr Nasrah
28	Julie Ann Medeiros	Bento M. & Susana Elizardo Medeiros
29	John Martin Evangelho III	John M. & Carol A. Charbonneau Evangelho, Jr.
JUNE		
11	Luke Richard Brisson	Richard A. & Jacqueline A. Edmond Brisson
20	Jennifer Lynne Varley	David E. & Debra Lynn Pappas Varley
20	Michael Scott Baker	Arthur M. & Carol P. Pellegrino Baker, Jr.
21	Ellen Rhoubé Adams	David D. & Patricia A. Meyer Adams
21	Torrey Dale Steele	Gregory J. & Dawnne E. Stonstrom Steele
21	Mark Gregory Hutchinson	Mark H. & Maria M. Jerace Hutchin- son
27	Le-Ann Marie Maddix	Leroy R. & Elizabeth A. Williams Maddix
JULY		
5	Cass Edward Fitzgerald	Patrick D. & Cassandra A. Babiarz Fitzgerald
11	Kim Fletcher	Jerry F. & JoAnn Ashworth Fletcher
12	Gina Marie Marsella	Joseph F. & Anita L. Pontes Marsella
21	Shon Timothy McTague	Ronald & Jacalyn A. Wade McTague
21	Ann Marie Simmons	Donald A. & Mirtha Pilling Simmons
23	Barbara Michelle Logan	Gary A. & Edith M. Adams Logan

AUGUST

4	Raschel Anne Moulding	Frederick J. & Denise Reay Moulding
11	Joseph Michael Roderick	Antone P. & Kathleen A. Cassidy Roderick
13	Jennifer Lynn Ridley	Jeffrey F. & Charlene L. Correia Ridley
24	Ryan James Mosher	James L. & Carolyn Booth Mosher
31	Danielle Marie Plouffe	Leo A. & Lillian E. Imondi Plouffe

SEPTEMBER

9	Todd David Carter	William S. & Linda B. Barney Carter
21	Elizabeth Ryan Scott	Paul J. & Barbara A. Cabral Scott
28	Andrew James Larue	Paul E. & Pauline R. Desrochers Larue

OCTOBER

3	Amy Elizabeth Bradshaw	Robert S. & Deborah E. Hall Bradshaw
19	Kyla Ashcroft	William A. & Judy Hegeman Ashcroft
21	Elizabeth Susan Michael	Milton T. & Diane L. Mattos Michael
30	Chad Patrick Corrigan	Brian D. & Christine E. Ferreira Corrigan

NOVEMBER

11	Justin David Riendeau	Lucien J. & Linda S. Costa Riendeau
14	Kevin Ross Smith	Robert H. & Paulette C. Levesque Smith
16	Susan Lynn Silvia	Edward J. & Cathy G. Rollins Silvia
18	Brendon Scott Greene	Dwaine S. & Laurie Jo Ashcroft Greene
23	Jason Richard Vincent	Robert F. & Carol A. Jones Vincent
25	Todd Alexander Leitao	Ronald J. & Leslie M. Ferreira Leitao
26	Jeffrey Michael Eckman	Michael Daniel & Anne Silva Eckman

DECEMBER

4	Jennifer Elizabeth Murphy	James B. & Joan R. Machado Murphy
8	Tammie Lynn Bilodeau	Leo E. & Kristin A. Christiansen Bilodeau
12	Brad Alan Andrews	Norman R. & Cheryl A. Crompton Andrews
12	Marc Paull Ferreira	Raymond P. & Deborah L. Paull Ferreira
20	Charles John Crawford	John H. & Marilyn Medeiros Crawford

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON—1977**

Date Names

JANUARY

- 1 Dwight Violette of Rehoboth and Particia Soares of
 Dighton
- 2 Wayne L. Martin of New Bedford and Barbara Medeiros
 of Taunton
- 15 Edward Perry, Jr. of Rehoboth and Kyle M. Grace of
 Dighton
- 21 Jonathan H. Leach of Barnstable and Susan M. Fanjoy
 of Dighton
- 22 James E. Fisher of Iowa and Linda M. Vilela of Dighton
- 29 Raymond Scott Calpin of Dighton and Margot LeBoeuf
 of Attleboro

FEBRUARY

- 5 Wallace L. Taylor of Taunton and Susan E. Harwood
 of Dighton
- 12 Frederick James Moulding of Dighton and Denise Reay
 of Dighton
- 14 Luis Manuel DeMelo of Fall River and Donna Marie
 Mello of Dighton
- 19 Dennis Malatesta of Iowa and Jean M. Quaine of Iowa
- 19 Alan D. Sylvia of Dighton and Helen A. DeCastro of
 Taunton
- 19 Dennis T. Stokowski of Chicopee and Anne Booth of
 Dighton
- 25 Arnold L. Bailey of Rhode Island and Margaret E.
 Mourra of Fall River

MARCH

- 5 Norbert Bapitsta of Fall River and Elaine Martin of
 Fall River
- 11 Alphonse Barbato of Rhode Island and Jeannette A.
 Camara (Clement) of R.I.
- 11 Jeffrey Ridley of Taunton and Charlene Correia of
 Taunton

APRIL

- 2 Gary E. Lindo of Dighton and Lisa M. Harrington of Norton
- 2 David G. Peslletier of No. Attleboro and Jane Ann Lopes of Dighton
- 15 Alfred A. DeCosta of Dighton and Janet J. Pratt of Westport
- 15 Louis S. Mueda, Jr. of Dighton and Carol J. Personeni (Jones) of Dighton
- 16 William G. Ratte of Dighton and Nancy E. Crafford of Dighton
- 23 Nathaniel E. Moody, III of Taunton and Karen M. Pacheco of Dighton
- 30 David A. Heneault of Taunton and Annette E. Beland (Allen) of Taunton

MAY

- 5 Carl C. Sylvester of Dighton and Debra J. Steele of Dighton
- 26 Alfred A. Henricks of Dighton and Mary Nicholson (Almeida) of Dighton
- 27 Mark O'Connell of Taunton and Donna Charlwood of Taunton

JUNE

- 4 Lloyd Packer of Dighton and Barbara R. Waterman of Rehoboth
- 4 Robert E. Costa, Jr. of Dighton and Carol A. Murray of Taunton
- 4 Frank J. Duarte of Rehoboth and Cindy M. Carr of Dighton
- 4 Michael F. Quinn of Raynham and Gail A. Santos of Dighton
- 4 Bryan D. Corrigan of Granby and Christine E. Ferreira of Dighton
- 4 Mahlon S. Booth of Dighton and Laurie J. Dubois of Rehoboth
- 10 Robert A. Poole of Dighton and Jean E. Falk of Dighton
- 10 Robert Pelletier of Fall River and Sandra A. Azevedo (Bissonnette) of Dighton

- 11 Michael R. Del Solio of Taunton and Ruth Ina Hegeman of Dighton
- 12 Raymond Mendonca of Taunton and Ora B. Owen (Wordell) of Dighton

JULY

- 1 Wilfred J. Dumin of Dighton and Dorothy M. Mixter of Dighton
- 2 Mark W. Drummond of Dighton and Karen E. Guglielmo of Taunton
- 2 Antone Oliveira of Somerset and Joan Marie Schiefen of Dighton
- 5 Alfred J. Pulvie of Rhode Island and Evelyn Dinosky (Grafton) of R.I.
- 8 Glenn Galusha of Bridgewater and Bette Lee Howe (Medeiros) of Dighton
- 16 Robert Nunes of Somerset and Pamela Martin of Dighton
- 18 Mark H. Hutchinson of Dighton and Maria M. Jerace of Dighton
- 22 Samuel D. Pine of Dighton and Sandra Barreira (Raposa) of Dighton
- 30 Keith H. Ricketson of Taunton and Jeannine M. Dutra of Dighton

AUGUST

- 6 Manuel Coelho of Taunton and Gail Marie Furtado of Dighton
- 6 Dennis E. Collins of Dighton and Marjorie Gooch of Berkley
- 19 John L. Horton of Dighton and Paula A. Glynn of Rehoboth
- 20 Dean Cronin of Attleboro and Patricia Ann Vaz of Dighton
- 20 Donald F. Frenette of Dighton and Cheryl Lee of Rehoboth
- 20 Stephen J. Perry of Rehoboth and Sandra A. Ratte of Dighton
- 21 Gerald J. Cunniff of Berkley and Janet M. Steele of Dighton

- 27 Brian Malcolm McCormick of Bridgewater and Lois Natalie Souza of Dighton
- 28 Michael Edward James of Tenn. and Linda Louise Vaz of Dighton
- 28 Fred Gupton of Taunton and Christine Bouffard of Taunton
- 27 Paul R. Tourville of Easthampton and Rosemary Murray of Dighton

SEPTEMBER

- 2 James M. Irving of Attleboro and Paula K. Scherben (Travers) of No. Attleboro
- 3 James E. Cabral of Dighton and Kathleen E. Vargas of Taunton
- 3 Robert W. Collins, Jr. of Bedford and Nancy E. Holt of Dighton
- 3 Richard Moholland, Jr. of Taunton and Carol Stevens of Taunton
- 10 Wayne E. Walkden of Taunton and Diane N. Greene of Dighton
- 10 James Bodreau of Taunton and Mary Lou Collins of Taunton
- 10 Robert Solomon of Fall River and Cynthia Henriques of Dighton
- 17 Nathan Edward Kenworthy of Dighton and Kathleen A. Secatore of Dighton
- 17 Paul Rondeau of Franklin and Sheryl Soares of Rehoboth
- 24 Christopher McCarron of Taunton and Cynthia J. Phillips of Taunton

OCTOBER

- 8 John T. Thorson of Oak Forest, Inn. and Georgia E. Strang of Oak Forest, Ill.
- 13 Wallace Newton Richardson of Berkley and Phyllis N. Hutchinson of Berkley
- 14 Anthony D. Costa, Jr. of Dighton and Patricia A. Lima of Somerset
- 29 Joseph R. Rose of Dighton and Susan Cooper (Albert) of Fall River

NOVEMBER

- 2 Robert C. Richards, Jr. of Providence, R.I. and Lynn M. Jutras of Dighton
- 5 David R. Perry of Centerville and Kathleen LeFrancois of Dighton
- 11 John P. Araujo of Dighton and Gloria M. Paquette (Kozikowski) of Dighton
- 18 George E. Hixon of Dighton and Shirley Gerrior of Middleboro

DECEMBER

- 3 Gary Haskell of Berkley and Cheryl L. Simonds of Dighton
- 3 Louis Rezendes of Dighton and Hilda F. Nascimento (Cambra) of Dighton
- 9 Thomas E. Angell of Cranston, R.I. and Susan Yelle (McPheters) of Taunton
- 11 Merrill N. Cross of Dighton and Karen L. Lemaire of Norton
- 17 Michael J. Carpenter of Somerset and Nancy E. Herbert of Somerset
- 29 Arthur Barboza of Somerset and Ermelinda DeSa (Esteves) of Somerset
- 30 Richard K. Leonard of Dighton and Donna Lee MacKenzie (Cyr) of W. Bridgewater
- 30 James E. Main of Taunton and Patricia A. Lopes of Dighton
- 31 William Earl Marshall of Colorado Springs, Col. and Charlene Marie McCrohan of Berkley

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DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON—1977

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
15	Walter J. Wilson	50	2	2
23	Adelard Beauchemin	74	5	12
FEBRUARY				
21	Alma (Bigras) Jusseaume	64	—	—
MARCH				
3	Abbie Picard (Harrington)	80	—	—
17	Anna (Caetano) Miguel	84	7	4
23	Jessie A. Christenson (Perry)	62	10	14
23	Clara M. Pierce (Coupe)	78	5	1
31	William K. McCarthy	67	11	1
APRIL				
14	Olive M. Gracia (Tranter)	70	6	25
20	Sydney W. Richardson, Sr.	75	6	15
20	Estelle M. Maines (Ruel)	72	—	—
29	Frank R. O'Connell	80	9	25
MAY				
24	Henry Laurence Burt	72	9	21
26	Esther A. (Horton) Hopkins	86	10	29
JUNE				
4	Anne (Doyle) Power	89	—	—
5	Beatrice F. (Baker) Jack	87	11	1
11	Donald Francis Duffy	24	2	14
21	Elizabeth B. Sherman	82	—	11

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JULY

5	Catherine Ruth (Borden) Ingham	74	2	18
8	Mildred C. (Shaw) Thompson	73	11	26
25	Rose (Cambra) Goulart	62	9	28

AUGUST

1	James W. Shaw, Jr.	68	2	29
27	Reginald Rose	65	7	22
27	Joseph Donald McMullen	53	9	11

SEPTEMBER

6	Elizabeth Deal (Earle)	73	10	24
15	Florence I. Perry	71	—	—
16	Annie (Gracia) Mendoza	82	11	28
17	Henry J. McCue	65	11	20
18	Robert T. Roy	60	4	17

OCTOBER

10	John Biggs Farrar	65	1	3
26	George P. Rocha	32	4	<u>4</u>

NOVEMBER

24	Fern Cordelia (Dickerson) Drown	81	2	27
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DECEMBER

1	Manuel Parchesco	80	2	16
9	George Gracia	75	10	16
11	Manuel R. Souza	92	0	2
12	Carlton L. Brown	70	8	25
26	Joel P. DeWees	34	11	20
30	George Sousa	52	—	29
30	Charles John Crawford		2 hrs.	

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS FOR 1977

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

Mr. Roy Horton mowed the cemeteries again this year. Mr. Harlan Horton has agreed to replace Roy Horton, who is unable to continue with the cemetery work.

Extra work cutting brush and repairing stones was done in cemeteries on Riverside Ave., Pine St., Forest St., the Town Cemetery on Elm St. and two on Williams St., one of which is back off the road.

Mr. Arthur Morton was added to the Commissioners this year to replace the position vacated by the death of Earl Hathaway.

On Oct. 26, the Cemetery Commissioners met with the Selectmen to look into the expansion of present town cemeteries or the acquiring of new land (possibly town owned) to be used for burial; as the Unitarian Cemetery is now limited. Future meetings will be held on this matter.

The Commissioners wish to thank Roy Horton for his past interest and work in caring for the cemeteries.

Citizens should notify the police if they see any removing or damaging of gravestones.

ELAINE VARLEY, Clerk

HELEN A. BROWN

ARTHUR MORTON

Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUND

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	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 1/4/77	Interest in 1977	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/77
Harriet M. Briggs	\$200.00	\$235.45	\$11.76	\$247.21	\$10.00	\$237.21
Submit Babbitt	150.00	202.35	10.09	212.44	9.00	203.44
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	160.04	7.97	168.01	8.00	160.01
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	321.35	16.04	337.39	15.00	322.39
Ebenezer Gay	150.00	167.19	8.34	175.53	10.00	165.53
William D. Goff Lot	100.00	127.05	6.33	133.40	10.00	123.40
Bliss-Arthur Hathaway	200.00	273.08	13.63	286.71	15.00	271.71
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	219.26	10.96	230.32	9.00	221.22
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	191.28	9.53	200.81	9.00	191.81
Martha L. Smith	50.00	55.08	2.72	57.80	3.00	54.80
Sarah Babbitt Lot	100.00	158.87	7.94	166.81	10.00	156.81
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	836.88	41.83	878.71	25.00	853.71
Joseph Gooding	142.75	146.57	7.30	153.87	3.00	150.87
Josephine G. Thaxter Lot	100.00	121.37	6.05	127.42	5.00	122.42
William Walker	250.00	252.84	12.61	265.45	4.00	261.45
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	131.02	6.52	137.54	5.00	132.54
George H. Horton	100.00	129.48	6.48	135.96	10.00	125.96
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	209.95	10.47	220.42	10.00	210.42
Gilbert Strange	300.00	320.88	16.03	336.91	10.00	326.91
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	170.68	8.51	179.19	15.00	164.19
Emery White	200.00	231.95	11.59	243.54	15.00	228.54

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 1/4/77	Interest in 1977	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/77
Emeline Williams	100.00	115.15	5.74	120.89	5.00	115.89
Charles E. Carr	500.00	685.91	33.87	719.78	30.00	689.78
Isabelle W. Snow	100.00	101.25	4.96	106.21	4.89	101.32
N. Allen Walker	150.98	168.20	8.39	176.59	—	176.59
Briggs Lot	125.00	133.03	6.63	139.66	3.00	136.66
Joshua Bliss	5000.00	7316.64	365.92	7682.56	225.00	7457.56
Bliss-Westcoat	200.00	343.81	17.18	360.99	20.00	340.99
David W. Francis	100.00	172.31	8.60	180.91	15.00	165.91
Albert F. Goff	50.00	51.27	2.08	53.35	—	53.35
Elbridge G. Francis	200.00	367.87	18.37	386.24	15.00	371.24
George E. Francis	100.00	273.39	13.65	287.04	20.00	267.04
Benjamin W. Goff	100.00	185.90	9.27	195.17	10.00	185.17
Emerson W. Goff	100.00	170.26	8.49	178.75	10.00	168.75
Ephira Goff	100.00	152.12	7.57	159.69	5.00	154.69
Truman N. Goff	100.00	195.51	9.75	205.26	15.00	190.26
Zenas H. Goff	200.00	448.48	22.40	470.88	20.00	450.88
John H. Harlow	100.00	141.65	7.06	148.71	5.00	143.71
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	145.54	7.27	152.81	3.00	149.81
John H. Horton	100.00	167.87	8.37	176.24	7.00	169.24
Nelson Horton	100.00	248.03	12.39	260.42	15.00	245.42
Job Paull	100.00	217.54	10.86	228.40	10.00	218.40

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	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 1/4/77	Interest in 1977	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/77
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	160.59	8.00	168.59	8.00	160.59
Etta Westcott	100.00	183.71	9.17	192.88	5.00	187.88
Westcott & McNally	200.00	293.75	14.67	308.42	10.00	298.42
Francis H. Wheeler	100.00	172.47	8.61	181.08	8.00	173.08
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	136.25	6.79	143.04	5.00	138.04
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	162.07	8.00	170.15	8.00	162.15
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	89.29	3.62	92.91	—	92.91
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	130.53	6.51	137.04	9.00	128.04
Nathan Walker	100.00	108.15	5.38	113.53	5.00	108.53
Wendell Weed	100.00	103.85	5.18	109.03	5.00	104.03
Williams Lot	100.00	340.43	20.18	360.61	75.00	285.61
Rufus P. Horton	400.00	552.95	27.63	580.58	25.00	555.58
Charles & Mary Olney	200.00	271.97	13.58	285.55	15.00	270.55
Asa & Hannah Waterman Lot	200.00	272.48	13.60	286.08	10.00	276.08
Charles Osman Gay	200.00	224.98	11.22	236.20	10.00	226.20
Smith Kay Lot	500.00	570.61	28.53	599.14	25.00	574.14
Smith Burying Ground	50.00	117.82	5.86	123.68	10.00	113.68
Horton-Paul	200.00	214.05	8.69	222.74	—	222.74
Bennett Lot	200.00	210.48	10.51	220.99	5.00	215.99
Ernest H. Smith	200.00	200.00	.35	200.35	—	200.35

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Name	Address	Occupation
Pauline C. Beaudoin	28 Center St.	Student
Irene M. Brooks	625 Park St.	Office Clerk
Elizabeth Buchanan	215 Chase St.	Clerk
Robert C. Chadwick	307 Forest St.	Postal Clerk
Barbara L. Calpin	1771 Walker St.	Secretary
Rita M. Castonguay	846 Middle St.	At Home
Mae Christiansen	2060 Chestnut St.	At Home
Robert C. Christiansen	2060 Chestnut St.	Service Engineer
Rudolph C. Christenson	1906 Elm St.	Florist
Alton H. Cole	2688 Horton St.	Credit Mgr. & Sales Rep.
Elizabeth C. Cole	2688 Horton St.	Housewife
Ann P. Collins	205 Baylies St.	Prod. Tester Inspector "B"
Antone Compos	2575 Elm St.	Office Manager
David A. Cordeiro	876 Autumn St.	Printer
Gladys M. Costa	683 Somerset Ave.	At Home
Norman E. Courcy	1188 Cedarwood Cir.	Sales Engineer
Merlyn E. Dutra	2444 Winthrop St.	At Home
Martina B. Grover	1358 Williams St.	Part Time School Teacher
Harry Hagopian	539 Spring St.	Non-working Part. in Free-Lance Court Recording
Inez Hartley	63 Forest St.	Accounts Payable Supervisor
Barbara Harvey	954 Hart St.	Housewife
James V. Heywood	672 School St.	Office Clerk
Richard E. Holbrook	237 Baylies St.	Accountant-Controller
Frances A. Jones	540 Brook St.	Housewife
Lester H. Lassen	2168 Pleasant St.	Retired
Paul B. Lassen	2158 Pleasant St.	Auto Dealer
Edward L. Lebreque	221 Pearl St.	Real Estate Broker
Elvira M. Levinson	269 Walker St.	Housewife
Helen S. McCarthy	235 Bedford St.	Retired
William F. McKenney	383 Gray Terrace	Maint., Taunton Sewer Dept.
Peter A. Michalenka	1220 Smith St.	Sr. Programmer/Analyst
Delmar Neuymer	126 Main St.	Machinist
Patricia A. O'Connell	255 Andrews St.	School Bus Driver
Marion G. Oehrle	325 Center St.	Library Aide
Albert A. Peterson	1543 Cedar St.	Retired
Virgil M. Pontes	1559 Wheeler St.	Machinist Foreman
Barbara A. Ratte	116 Walker St.	Clerk
Richard P. Rodier	236 Bedford St.	Leadman
Anna Mae Rose	505 Center St.	Housewife
Anna L. Smith	235 Walker St.	Packer
John B. Smith	235 Walker St.	Retired
Margaret M. Strange	272 Lincoln Ave.	Order Entry Blank
Thaddeus Swakon	192 Forest St.	Machinist
Mary E. Sweeney	1338 Karen Road	Housewife
Mary L. Washburn	833 Main St.	Office Clerk
William L. White	225 Chase St.	Postal Clerk
Harry F. Willis	6 Forest St.	Retired
Clifford A. Wood	2619 Wellington St.	Assoc. Prof. of English

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JURORS DRAWN IN 1977

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January 19, 1977

Bessie L. Polaski, 2574 Wellington St., Home Party Demonstrator
Raymond J. Sousa, 2815 Pleasant St., Operating Engineer

February 16, 1977

William J. Smith, 494 Tremont St., Polisher

March 9, 1977

Carole Jesse, 954 Oak St., Housewife

March 10, 1977

J. Ford Golsby, 242 Lincoln Ave., Retired

April 13, 1977

Roland E. Guillet, 526 Main St., Retired
Bessie M. Horton, 1544 Williams St., Packer

May 11, 1977

Priscilla B. Spring, 675 School St., Registered Nurse
Howard C. Conlon, 203 Kirk Terrace, At Home

June 22, 1977

Gertrude Gray, 1918 Wellington St., Switchboard Operator
B. Louise McCombs, 249 Rose Terrace, Subs. Teacher

August 10, 1977

William K. McCarthy, 235 Bedord St., Retired
Mary Wolfenden, 1160 Briggs St., At Home
Alice Prescott, 2325 Horton St., Homemaker
Albert A. Colp, 2315 Horton St., Bakery Manger
Eleanor Cummings, 1788 Elm St., Telephone Caller-Bills

September 19, 1977

Frances A. Jones, 540 Brook St., Housewife
Harry F. Willis, 6 Forest St., Retired

October 12, 1977

Robert C. Christianson, 2060 Chestnut St., Serv. Engineer

October 31, 1977

Marion G. Oehrle, 325 Center St., Library Aide

November 17, 1977

Mary E. Sweeney, 1338 Karen Road, Housewife

November 22, 1977

Rita M. Castonguay, 846 Middle St., AtHome

December 15, 1977

James V. Heywood, 672 School St., Office Clerk
Pauline C. Beaudoin, 28 Center St., Student
William E. McKenney, 383 Gray Terrace, Maintenance,
Taunton Sewer Dept.
Mary L. Washburn, 833 Main St., Office Clerk

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

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To the Town Moderator, Board of Selectmen and

Citizens of Dighton:

During the month of May following the annual town meeting the Finance Committee for 1977-1978 was organized by the Board of Selectmen and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

The Finance Committee met to review and act upon all money articles within the warrants for the annual town meeting and all special town meetings. Members of the committee attended the budgetary planning sessions and public hearings of both the Dighton School Committee and the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Committee. Additionally, the Finance Committee had meetings with the Board of Selectmen to affect transfers from the Reserve Fund to cover unforeseen and emergency situations.

The Committee thanks Mrs. Doris Hopkins, Town Accountant, Mrs. Leah Crosby, former Secretary to the Board of Selectmen and Mrs. Eleanor Dupont, present Secretary to the Board of Selectmen for their help and assistance. We extend our gratitude to all Town Officials for their understanding and cooperation.

The Finance Committee welcomes citizens attendance and participation at their public hearings. Please come!

Respectfully submitted,

ARMAND GAGNE, Chairman
JOSEPH PACHECO, Vice Chairman
PAMELA LEACH, Secretary
WENDELL BRECHIN
ROBERT BARBOZA
CHARLES RODRIQUES
ERNEST ATWOOD II

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury, June 30, 1976	\$ 906,018.07
Total Receipts June 1977—GENERAL CASH	4,784,777.27
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	\$5,690,795.34
 Selectmen's Warrants June 1977	 \$4,995,964.20
Balance in Treasury June 1977	694,831.14
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	\$5,690,795.34

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Balance in Treasury June 1976	\$ 20,817.36
Funds Received June 1977	86,663.00
Invested Funds Interest Received	193.59
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	\$ 107,673.95
 Total Warrants June 1977	 \$ 85,774.92
Balance in Treasury June 1977	21,899.03
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	\$ 107,673.95

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	1972	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Real Estate						
Outstanding 6/30/77						
Commitment						\$1,502,056.32
Added Interest			82.33	73.40	712.24	1,046.79
Demands			4.00	3.00	71.00	39.00
Refund Abatements						1,169.73
Total	<u>17.40</u>	<u>815.85</u>	<u>5,949.29</u>	<u>30,045.67</u>	<u>1,504,311.84</u>	
Paid Treasurer						
Abatements	17.40	561.84	1,382.86	17,716.97	1,406,460.96	62,314.19
Tax Titles		254.01	3,615.23	5,397.70	3,205.38	
Taxes in Litigation			951.20			
Balance due 6/30/77				6,931.00	32,257.51	
Total	<u>17.40</u>	<u>815.85</u>	<u>5,949.29</u>	<u>30,045.67</u>	<u>1,504,311.84</u>	
Personal Property						
Outstanding 6/30/77			25.05	418.20	838.57	199,346.11
Commitment						40.24
Added Interest			5.67	61.76	46.25	
Demands			1.00	3.00	6.00	4.00
Total		<u>31.72</u>	<u>482.96</u>	<u>890.82</u>	<u>199,390.35</u>	

Paid Treasurer
Abatements
Balance due 6/30/77
Total

1972	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
		31.72	450.16	809.97	199,055.17
			32.80	80.85	196.80
		<u>31.72</u>	<u>482.96</u>	<u>890.82</u>	<u>199,390.35</u>

Motor Vehicle Excise
1971
\$308.29
Outstanding 6/30/77
Commitments
Added Interest
Demands
Refund Abatements
Total

1971	1972	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
	280.24	1,897.88	3,163.12	10,146.81	54,167.23	
		24.80	119.61	9,590.11	70,803.48	138,969.65
		2.00	34.00	517.02	244.49	14.00
				118.00	478.00	460.25
				126.69	2,523.84	
	<u>308.29</u>	<u>1,924.68</u>	<u>3,316.73</u>	<u>20,498.63</u>	<u>128,217.04</u>	<u>139,443.90</u>

Paid Treasurer
Abatements
Balance due 6/30/77
Total

	331.09	1,467.11	15,026.47	100,015.43	81,377.57
308.29	278.03	1,207.48	178.75	839.31	7,662.81
	2.21	386.11	1,670.87	4,632.85	50,403.52
<u>308.29</u>	<u>280.24</u>	<u>1,924.68</u>	<u>3,316.73</u>	<u>20,498.63</u>	<u>139,443.90</u>

Dighton Water District—Real Estate
Outstanding 6/30/76
Commitment

	135.75	781.99	3,129.78	110,398.40
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	1972	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Added Interest			19.75	43.24	108.62	82.40
Demands			7.00	8.00	42.00	20.00
Refund Abatements						62.44
Total			<u>162.50</u>	<u>833.23</u>	<u>3,280.40</u>	<u>110,563.15</u>
Paid Treasurer			140.00	451.25	2,105.09	105,919.92
Abatements						587.58
Tax Titles			22.50	381.98	200.73	193.76
Balance due 6/30/77			<u>162.50</u>	<u>833.23</u>	<u>3,280.40</u>	<u>3,861.89</u>
						<u>110,563.15</u>
Personal Property						
Outstanding 6/30/76			2.25	45.14	61.52	10,793.30
Commitment						2.62
Added Interest			.45	13.14	4.14	1.00
Demands			1.00	3.00	3.00	
Total			<u>3.70</u>	<u>61.28</u>	<u>68.66</u>	<u>10,796.92</u>
Paid Treasurer			3.70	57.74	58.94	10,765.77
Abatements						22.40
Balance due 6/30/77				3.54	9.72	8.75
Total			<u>3.70</u>	<u>61.28</u>	<u>68.66</u>	<u>10,796.92</u>

Dighton Electric Light—Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/76

Commitment

Added Interest

Demands

Refund Abatements

Total

Paid Treasurer

Abatements

Tax Titles

Balance due 6/30/77

Total

Dighton Electric Light—Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/76

Commitment

Added Interest

Demands

Total

Paid Treasurer

Abatement

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	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Outstanding 6/30/76		10.26	24.08	245.31	
Commitment					11,065.46
Added Interest		1.22	1.42	8.64	7.35
Demands		5.00	3.00	33.00	30.00
Refund Abatements					7.89
Total		<u>16.48</u>	<u>28.50</u>	<u>286.95</u>	<u>11,110.70</u>
Paid Treasurer		13.78	18.74	224.40	10,628.57
Abatements					51.61
Tax Titles		2.70	9.76	20.24	9.97
Balance due 6/30/77				42.31	420.55
Total		<u>16.48</u>	<u>28.50</u>	<u>286.95</u>	<u>11,110.70</u>
Outstanding 6/30/76		.27	.88	1.49	
Commitment					1,244.39
Added Interest					.03
Demands		1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Total		<u>1.27</u>	<u>2.88</u>	<u>3.49</u>	<u>1,245.42</u>
Paid Treasurer		1.27	2.56	2.28	1,241.41
Abatement					2.88

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	1972	1973	1974	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Balance due 6/30/77				.32	1.21	1.13
Total			<u>1.27</u>	<u>2.88</u>	<u>3.49</u>	<u>1,245.42</u>

North Dighton Fire District—Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/76				11.40	155.00	
Commitment						17,464.85
Added Interest					1.00	10.08
Demands					4.00	4.00
Refunds				<u>11.40</u>	<u>160.00</u>	<u>17,527.29</u>
Total						
Paid Treasurer					80.40	17,179.52
Paid Treasurer						15.73
Abatements						
Tax Titles				11.40		
Balance due 6/30/77				<u>11.40</u>	<u>79.60</u>	<u>332.04</u>
Total					<u>160.00</u>	<u>17,527.29</u>

Personal Property

Commitment					<u>1,554.48</u>	
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ANNUAL REPORT
PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1977.

Total circulation of books and periodicals	19,580
Adult books	12,343
Juvenile books	6,219
Periodicals	1,018
Number of persons using the reading room	1,022
Collected in fines	\$82.78

Several films were shown to children and young adults during the summer months. I also held several arts and crafts programs for children under ten.

Storm windows were installed in October.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY C. PILLING,
Librarian

PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED IN 1977

The following permits were issued by the Board of Selectmen:

New Houses	48	Plumbing Permits	116
Garages	5	Sanitation Permits	66
Swimming Pools	6	Sausage Permit	1
Miscellaneous	61	Garbage Permit	1
Additions & Alterations	30	Rubbish Permit	1
Demolishing	2	Gas Storage Permits	2
Gravel Permits	8	Electrical Permits	101

The following licenses were issued:

All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses:

Common Victualler	4	Oyster Privilege	1
Retail Package Store	2	Wine & Malt	1
Motor Vehicle Licenses:		Temporary Beer & Wine	38
Class I	1	Class III	2
Class II	10	Lord's Day Sale	7
Denatured Alcohol	3	Lord's Day	
Auctioneer	3	Entertainment	39
Food Service		Oleogargarine	6
Establishment	32	Milk, Store	5
Camps, Cabins, Motels	2	Milk Vehicle	7
Common Victually (Food)	7	Junk Collector	1

Permission to conduct dog racing was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. for August 5, 1977 through November 30, 1977, which included 30 days of matinees: to Rehoboth Fair, Inc. from August 27, 1977 through September 5, 1977.

Permission was issued to Frohman Anderson to conduct Auto Cross Time Trials at the former Nike Site, Sharp's Lot Road on seven (7) Sundays during the year 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR N. DUPONT,

Secretary to the Board

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

As required by Section 42 of Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Dighton Fire Department.

The Fire Department answered 491 calls during 1977, including 332 Ambulance calls.

A breakdown of Fire Calls is as follows:

10—Accident Cleanup	4—Illegal Burning
4—Assist Police	1—Industrial Building
11—Automobile Fire	2—Mutual Aid to others
7—Barn	8—Needless Call
3—Bomb Scare	1—Oil Leak Investigation
4—Box Alarm	1—Public Building
28—Brush	13—Public Service
18—Dwelling	8—Pump Cellar
1—Dump	5—Smoke Investigation
2—False	20—Standby
1—Gas Leak Investigation	3—Truck
3—Grass	1—Water System Breakdown

Approximate figures of Materials and Equipment Used:

Water from Booster Tanks	64,535 gallons
Booster Hose	14,900 feet
1 1/8" Forestry Hose	5,100 feet
1 1/2" Fire Hose	5,550 feet
2 1/2" Fire Hose	3,200 feet
Ladders	362 feet

Permits Issued:

5 Blasting	6 Model Rockets
458 Open-air Burning	3 LP Gas
51 Oil Storage	

The Fire Department answered 332 Ambulance calls during 1977, as follows:

- 188—Morton, Hospital, Taunton, Mass.
- 4—St. Anne's Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 22—Truesdale Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 13—Union Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 1—Savin Mark Lab., Boston, Mass.
- 1—Rob. B. Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass.
- 3—Main Ortho. & Pros. Lab., Brockton, Mass.
- 1—Carney Hospital, Dorchester
- 1—Mass. General Hospital, Boston, Mass.
- 3—Davis Park Veterans, Providence, R.I.
- 3—R.I. Hospital, Providence, R.I.
- 1—Truesdale Clinic, Fall River, Mass.
- 1—Brook Hospital, Boston, Mass.
- 1—Tufts Medical Center, Boston, Mass.
- 1—Ridgewood Court Nurs. Home, Attleboro, Mass.
- 7—Wedgemere Nursing Home, Taunton, Mass.
- 1—Country Gardens Nurs. Home, Swnasea, Mass.
- 1—Bristol Nursing Home, Attlebor,o Mass.
- 1—Pleasant Manor Nur. Home, Attleboro, Mass.
- 38—Home, Dighton, Mass.
- 2—Mutual Aid—In
- 1—Mutual Aid—Out
- 29—Not Needed
- 8—D.O.A.
- 313—Patients Handled

I wish to thank those members of the Dighton Fire Department who have been so dedicated in the manning of the Ambulance during the past year.

Inspections:

All inspections have been made in accordance with Section 1 of Chapter 143 of all buildings licensed by and under the supervision of The Department of Public Health.

The following is a list of Call Firefighters on the Official Roster of the Department as of 31 December 1977:

Allen, Joseph B.	Katon, John
Ashcroft, William	Lavigne, George
Atwood, Herbert	Mason, Charles, Jr.
Babbitt, Beth E.	Motta, Russell J.
Ball, George W.	Pavao, Manuel
Bettencourt, Jon	Perry, James H.
Botelho, Manuel	Perry, Joseph, Jr.
Bouchard, Leo J.	Perry, Roger
Bradbury, Paul W.	Perry, William J.
Brightman, Alan B.	Plunkett, George W.
Burr, Robert G.	Reed, Albert
Carr, Howell S., Jr.	Rines, Philip H., Sr.
Coelho, Jerry	Rivet, Richard
Costa, Timothy	Robinson, Frederick, Jr.
Dermody, Robert B.	Rose, Francis
Dupont, David	Rose, Gilbert, Jr.
Ferry, William R.	Sears, Charles, Jr.
Fleck, Joseph W.	Sherman, Robert B.
Fleming, William, Sr.	Siedentopf, Bruce
Fournier, Normand R.	Silvia, Alvin
Gailes, Joseph R.	Spratt, Karl K., Jr.
Garnett, Gilbert H.	Spring, William E.
Hamilton, Richard E.	Staples, Arnold F.
Hayes, Robert	Strange, Ellis, Jr.
Holmes, William O.	Torres, Peter K.
Horton, Maynard, Jr.	Waller, Greg J.
Horton, Maynard, Sr.	Waller, Joseph, Jr.
Katon, Antone	Waller, Keith E.

Full Time Firemen—Jeffrey J. Allie, Raymond J. Costa, Charles S. Richardson.

I am happy to report that with the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen the Fire Department was able to purchase one of the best equipped Ambulances in the region. Bids were opened in April, 1977, the low bid of \$30,975.00 was approved and a contract was signed. The new Ambulance was placed in service on 21 September 1977 and is performing well.

This past year six (6) members of the Department have become E.M.T.A.'s. Joseph Allen, Joseph Gailes, James Perry, Charles Richardson, Frederick Robinson and Peter K. Torres are to be congratulated for their efforts.

The total number of E.M.T.A.'s serving the Fire Department now total fourteen (14).

In the near future the Town should consider replacing Engine One at the North Station. This engine, a 1946 Maxim, has served the Town well over the past thirty-one (31) years. Other than Engine One the remaining first-run engines are in good condition.

Fire Training and Training in First Aid, under the direction of the Training Officers, is held on a weekly schedule at both fire stations.

I again wish to thank the Officers and Members of the Fire Department for their outstanding help during the past year.

I also wish to thank Police Chief Karl Spratt, Superintendent of Streets Alfred Perry and the members of their departments for their cooperation during the past year.

I also thank the Town Officials for their understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH T. WHITE,

Chief of the Fire Department

ANNUAL REPORT
REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1977.

Arrests: Assault and Battery with a dangerous weapon (1); Larceny Less (3); Larceny More (4); Larceny of Motor Vehicles (2); Assault and Battery (2); Attempted B/E (2); Violation of Probation (1); Uttering Forged Pari Mutual Ticket (3); Drug Charges (3); Operating Under (11); Receiving Stolen Property (1); Protective Custody (18); Default Warrants (6); Unarmed Robbery (1); Threats to Commit a Crime (1); Motor Vehicle Violations (7).

Summons and Warrants Served: 139

Complaints: 1,362

Requests: 1,383

Investigations (125); Accidents (139); Vandalism (177); Motor Vehicles Stolen (26); Recovered Motor Vehicles (19); Bomb Scare (5); Larceny less (26); Larceny More (35); B/E in the DT (14); B/E in the NT (7); B/E Business (3); Attempted B/E (13); Missing Persons (16); Missing Persons Found (16); Property Recovered (15); D.O.A. (10); Armed Robbery (3); Attempted Suicide (2); Negligent Manslaughter (1).

Permits Granted: License to Carry (57); License to Sell (4); License to Sell Ammo (2); Gunsmith (4); Firearms I.D. Cards (64).

During the year officers attended classes in Stress Awareness, Search and Seizure and Drug Abuse. Programs were presented to Kindergarten, Elementary and Junior High School on safety. Bus evacuation classes were held for Kindergarten through Grade 5 and the Bristol County Agricultural School. A Community Crime Check rogram was held for the Dighton Branch Alliance and the Council on Aging. A program on Policemen and Teen-Agers was held for Dighton-Rehoboth and Bristol County Agricultural School students. Our Annual

Drug and Safety Contest was held. Savings bonds for this event were donated once again by the Dighton Businessmen and the Police Association. Poster awards were donated this year by Dave's Auto Repair and Francis Garage.

We moved into our new quarters on July third. Many people assisted us. The Police Association members spent many hours painting, the Street Department moved furniture, Robertson's Factories donated the drapery material and Mrs. Fred Smith volunteered to make lined drapes for us. An Open House was held in November and approximately 350 people came to see what the high school students had accomplished. The Police Association furnished refreshments for the occasion. During the holiday season the Station was decorated with wreaths the Junior Garden Club members made.

During the year one cruiser and all necessary equipment was purchased. Also purchased were two typewriters, a calculator and miscellaneous office furniture.

I would like to thank the Officers, Town Officials and State Police for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

KARL K. SPRATT, JR.,

Chief of Police

**REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIST.
(SRPEDD)**

During 1977, the Town of Dighton continued its membership in the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, a planning agency set up by State legislation to serve the thirty communities in southeastern Massachusetts.

The District is governed by a Commission consisting of a chief elected official or a designee and a planning board member for each member municipality, and six minority and low-income representatives. Dighton's District Commission members are Judith Ferry and Robert Ferreira.

District staff under the guidance of the Commission and various committees prepares long- and short-range plans for southeastern Massachusetts, including Dighton, on such subjects as land use, housing, transit, transportation, economic development, water quality and solid waste, as required and funded by the State and federal governments. Preparation of certain regional reports enabled communities to be eligible for federal and State funding.

However, most of the District's time is devoted to assisting cities and towns. Through the municipal assistance program each municipality receives a certain amount of time at no cost beyond the per capita assessment. Municipal assistance projects have included the following: Master Plans; Open Space and Recreation Plans; Subdivision Regulations; Landfill Inspections; Site Analyses for Proposed Development; Solid Waste Plans; Drainage Studies; Urban Renewal Plans; Home Rule Charters; Zoning Ordinances; Transportation Corridor Studies; Traffic Circulation Plans; and Industrial Survey Plans.

The District has also served as a conduit for information and assistance on federal programs such as Community Development Block Grants or Public Works Projects, and has enabled local officials to participate in state policy making in the Coastal Zone Management Program, the Offshore Oil Development Program, local growth policy and highway development.

During 1977, the District assisted Dighton specifically by preparing a report entitled, **Investigation of Sanitary Landfill Sites**; providing information on conservation and recreation funds from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the State's Self-Help Program; revising Dighton Zoning By-Laws for compliance with Chapter 808 of the Massachusetts General By-Laws for compliance with Chapter 808 of the Massachusetts General Laws; investigating solutions to the North Dighton sewage problem; and providing assistance in updating the assessors maps.

The District, in essence, represents the collective will of the cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts. As the responsibilities and problems of municipalities become increasingly complex, the agency can provide the necessary technical assistance, insure cooperation among municipalities, and provide for a comprehensive approach.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission completed the Bicentennial observance with the purchase of a surplus fire proof cabinet for its records and research notes. This filing cabinet will be kept in the basement of the library. Nineteen books relating to years 1773 to 1783 were purchased and placed in the library for circulation. Pictures of the Bicentennial events are needed to complete our records. A complete set of pictures of the "Molasses Affair" has been made and put in book form.

On May 29, the "Boston Post Cane" was presented to Harry Baxter-Green as the oldest citizen in Dighton. This cane was first presented in the early 1900's to the oldest citizen in each town by the newspaper "Boston Post". The Dighton cane was found, repaired and we are glad to revive the custom.

Historical research of homes continues as time is available. In this research we are finding and verifying history of people whose names are prominent in Dighton history and we are removing some guesses as to their history.

The Commission participated in the purchase of land by the Town from the Penn Railroad. Deed research showed that the Penn Railroad held title to a right of way that had been established by the Proprietors in 1699. A family had included the right of way in the sale of property and agreements in removing a bridge over the railroad in 1891.

The Commission has engaged a civil engineer to locate and bound the five public Landings that were established in 1699. A review of maps used by both the Colonial and British forces at the time of the War for Independence shows name sites in Dighton that have been forgotten. We hope by research to find and mark these sites.

Edward John Silvia, commission member, has accepted the job of research and recording of Dighton's founding Portuguese families. We hope citizens of Portuguese descent will help with this research as it is an important part of

Dighton History.

CHARLES W. HARRIS, Chairman
 ELAINE B. VARLEY, Secretary
 HELEN H. LANE, Member Emeritus
 ARTHUR C. STAPLES
 DR. ROSE BORGES
 ROBERT McGUIRK
 HELEN A. BROWN
 EDWARD JOHN SILVIA

COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Dighton:

In order to help meet the needs of Dighton residents who have reached the age of sixty years or over, the Council is implementing the following services and social opportunities:

Blood Pressure and Diabetes Screening Clinics
 Weekly Drop-in Center at Lincoln Village
 Senior Citizen Identification Cards
 Bristol County Home Care Services
 Bus Tours
 Hot Lunch Program
 Transportation

The Council is grateful to the Town Officials for their help and cooperation throughout the past years.

Helen Lawrence	Chairman
Dr. Rose Borges	Vice Chairman
Muriel Carey	Secretary
Francis McDermott	Treasurer
Bella Boucher	Social Services
Marguerite Pelletier	Health Programs
Thomas K. Webster	Bristol County Home Care
Lester H. Lassen	
Theodore Ladd	
Hannah Bonvie	
Joseph R. Silvia	

Respectfully submitted,
 HELEN LAWRENCE,
 Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT
REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Dighton:

The duties of the Veteran Agent are very varied. He must assist any veteran or dependent to file for pensions, compensations, education and other benefits available through the Veterans Administration. Widows are also assisted to file for death pensions and burial allowances.

The veterans agent must also assist veterans and dependents in times of need through illness, loss of work or other circumstances.

This fiscal year has shown a very sharp rise in the number of recipients of benefits for living expenses, medical bills and emergency needs. We have had an increase of over 100 percent for this year.

I am available Wednesday evenings at the Town Hall to help or assist in any way I can.

I wish to thank town officials and staff for the fine cooperation I have received.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH DEANE, JR.,
Veterans Agent

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Dighton Civil Defense has continued to be active in local, state and national radio and alert drills as required by the Office of Defense.

The Dighton Civil Defense Radio Safety Patrol again was active this year assisting motorists in finding alternate routes around our annual Memorial Day Parade and assisting in traffic control and in flood watches on the river.

The Civil Defense of Dighton lost an important asset with the resignation of Mr. Harold Gracia, who has helped me immensely in the transition of this office.

Since taking office Nov. 2, 1977, the Dighton Civil Defense was called on to assist in warning of extreme flooding tides and the evacuation of four families during one of the worst storms yet.

At this time I would like to thank the members of the Dighton Civil Defense who have volunteered their services so many times: Joseph Medeiros, Jr., William Costa, Jr., Kenneth Harwood, Bruce Woodcock, Arthur Perry, Joseph Kaszyk, Jerry Coelho, Mike Marks and our Radio Officer Emery Lincoln.

I also want to thank the Town Officials, Supt. of Streets, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Supt. of Water Dept. and their Dept. Personnel, and everyone who has helped in Civil Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD F. O'CONNOR,
Director

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The year 1977 was yet another very busy and interesting year for Dighton's Board of Selectmen. Robert F. Ferreira chose not to seek re-election at this time, in order to continue his studies towards a Master's Degree. However, during the months of January and February, he actively participated in budget preparations and other regular Selectmen's activities. In addition, in January, 1977, Bob was elected President of the Bristol County Selectmen's Association, a group which has been very beneficial in providing Selectmen of our County the opportunity to meet and discuss issues and directions common to our various towns. This group also elected Myrna D. Adams as Secretary for the year. In an association representing some sixteen towns, it has been an honor to have two of its offices filled by Dighton people in the same year.

In the Annual Town Election on March 7, 1977, Charles P. Terry was elected to the Board of Selectmen, replacing Robert Ferreira. At the Selectmen's organizational meeting held on March 9, 1977, Edward J. Santos was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Myrna D. Adams was elected Chairman of the Board of Health and Charles P. Terry was named Clerk of the Board of Health. In addition, Myrna D. Adams was named Legislative Liaison to the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns. Mrs. Leah B. Crosby was re-appointed as the secretary to the Board of Selectmen.

Still at the top of our priority list of Town problems is the pollution of the Three Mile River and the related problems of sewage disposal. However, now, in December of 1977, we are very hopeful that the Town of Dighton is within reach of a decision on this problem. Unfortunately, Court action by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Division of Water Pollution Control became a reality for Dighton in June, 1977, when we were faced with a Summary Judgment hearing for violation of the terms of our N.P.D.E.S. Permit. Fines amounting to as much as \$10,000.00 per day dating back to September 1, 1975, could have been imposed, and the Attorney General sought to fine Dighton no less than one

hundred and fifty thousand dollars at the very minimum. However, this Board was able to present documentation of Dighton's efforts to reach a solution to this problem and the many roadblocks we encountered at the State and Federal levels. In view of these facts and the numerous meetings, phone calls and letters in which we attempted to overcome these obstacles, the Judge recommended the \$35,000.00 penalty—the absolute minimum attainable under the required mathematical formula used to determine such fines.

In addition to the fine, we were also issued a schedule of compliance dates to be met in fulfilling the requirements of the Court judgment. The first three of these dates have been met: 1. Submission by July 1, 1977, of the Tibbetts Engineering Company's engineering report on dye studies and alternative disposal plans. 2. Holding of a Special Town Meeting on July 25, 1977, to consider the engineering report and to appropriate \$60,000.00 for preparation of a facilities plan. and 3. Submission by August 31, 1977, of a completed Step One Grant Application for Water Pollution Control's approval.

As of the writing of this report, no Federal appropriation has been made for continued funding of sewerage projects. It is hoped that this will be forthcoming early in 1978, however. Our next target date is March 1, 1978, by which time we are supposed to have submitted a completed facilities plan to Water Pollution Control for approval. Notwithstanding the possibility of some presently unforeseen problems, we expect to be able to meet this date as required.

Another area of pressing concern during 1977, and one which will continue to be with us in the future, is the issue of solid waste disposal and the Sanitary Landfill. This high-priority issue is dealt with at some length in the annual report of the Board of Health.

Highway improvements have been carried out in several areas in 1977, under our continuing program to upgrade the quality of Dighton's roadways for the increased safety and convenience of our citizens. On Maple and Oak Streets, approximately 4200 feet of gravel roadway has been completely

redone, including widening and replacing the gravel surface. In this area, where much new home construction has taken place in the very recent past, it is now possible for schoolbuses and emergency vehicles to provide year-round service. In past winter seasons, poor road conditions there have made this area virtually inaccessible. By utilizing State funds in conjunction with Town appropriations, and by having most of the work done by Dighton's own Street Department, we were able to accomplish this task, except for final surfacing, which we expect to complete in 1978.

Once again we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the members of the Street Department under the direction of Street Superintendent Alfred M. Perry, for the excellent work they have done.

Williams Street reconstruction has been continued as far north as funds would permit—approximately 1600 feet was rebuilt in 1977. This has left a distance of approximately 1650 feet to be completed in order to reach the Taunton City Line. Thanks to Federal Highway Systems Funds, we hope to be able to complete that remaining section in 1978. In addition, the Massachusetts Department of Public Works has arranged for completion of the Taunton section of this roadway also, and once again, Federal Funds have made this increased accomplishment possible. So, in the final analysis, the not-too-distant future should see Williams Street reconstruction complete from Center Street, Dighton, to Winthrop Street, Taunton.

Early in 1977, the Board was notified by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction of the availability of a parcel of land in Dighton owned by the bankrupt Penn Central Railroad and the fact that the State would assign its option to purchase the parcel of land to the Town. We then determined that the land in question, located next to an active, privately-owned gravel pit, held a large amount of fill and gravel—commodities which the Town must purchase each year at ever-increasing costs. After due de-

liberation and two Special Town Meetings, the Town voted to purchase the property for use as a Town gravel pit. Although the parcel of land is not large, we believe that the fill and other material it will provide will result in substantial savings to the Town in the future, although we shall still be required to purchase some material from outside sources. By utilizing our own equipment and Street Department personnel, we shall be able to make excellent use of this area.

We are pleased to report that the addition to the Community Center at Lincoln Village, made possible by a HUD Community Development Block Grant which Dighton was awarded in 1976, is progressing and should soon be completed.

Again in 1977 Dighton has taken advantage of the opportunity to employ CETA personnel, and we presently have three CETA employees working for the Dighton Highway Department and one working for the Dighton Police Department. This program has worked very well for Dighton over the past few years, and we hope to be able to participate as long as it is available.

Among other considerations the Selectmen have dealt with in 1977 were included water quality studies, flood plain insurance, coastal zone management and unemployment compensation insurance. We have also participated in several meetings dealing with Police Union matters, including two hearings in Boston. Deliberation with the School Building Needs Committee has been another area of concern, as school space continues to be a serious need for Dighton. This matter is further emphasized by the continued presence of the Town Offices in the Junior High School building, where neither function has adequate space in which to best perform its designated obligations. We have also participated in some ten or more meetings and seminars relative to economic development and employment and training.

Included in the category of environmental concerns, we have studied the problem of the gypsy moth, which has

become serious in Dighton this year. Although these moths are considered a nuisance, the State Division of Insect Pest Control assures us that they do not do permanent damage and that most trees will eventually recover from the loss of their leaves. We are presently looking into the future possibility of a multi-community aerial spraying program with several other towns, in an attempt to prevent further migration and additional damage. No decision will be made until sometime in 1978, and taxpayers will be called upon to voice their opinions should we consider taking this avenue.

The foregoing report encompasses only part of the work done by this Board at some 47 regular meetings and some in excess of one hundred additional meetings, workshops and seminars, both local and out-of-town, dealing with matters of concern to us all.

In view of the ever-expanding duties and responsibilities of the Board of Selectmen, we are once again faced with the consideration that the future will probably have to include the establishment of an administrative position to assist the Board. However, we are presently requesting again that anyone who may have any interest in participating in functional Town government please make themselves known at the Selectmen's Office. There are often committees or meetings where we need representation, and having a list of interested citizens to call upon from time to time is of great help to us and to the Town.

We wish to express our thanks to everyone who has served the Town during 1977. The concern and dedicated efforts of the many people who contribute their time and knowledge to the complete and smooth functioning of the Town throughout the year are too easily passed over, unnoticed, and the Board of Selectmen especially wishes these people to know that they are, indeed, appreciated.

A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Leah B. Crosby, who will be retiring as of January 1, 1978, after eleven years

of service as clerk in the Selectmen's Office and Secretary to the Board. Mrs. Crosby will be replaced by Mrs. Eleanor Dupont, who will continue the important function of direct liaison between the taxpayers and the many various functions of the Selectmen's Office. We also wish to thank once again the citizens of Dighton, whose interest and concern for their town, expressed to us many times throughout the year, help us to better serve all of Dighton's needs.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. SANTOS

MYRNA D. ADAMS

CHARLES P. TERRY

Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Dighton:

With a marked increase in new home construction in Dighton during 1977, the Board of Health has carried an increased workload relative to soils tests, sanitation permits and inspections. These are listed in the report of Mr. Leo Duffy, Sanitation Inspector. Plumbing Inspectors Mr. Donald French and Mr. John DeCambra have been called upon for 116 inspections of plumbing installations and replacements during 1977. The Board extends the thanks of the Town to these three dedicated men, without whom the three elected members of this Board could not possibly accomplish all we are called upon to do.

Due to the increase in work relative to soils tests, etc., the Board of Health voted on July 11, 1977, to amend its Regulations on Soil Testing adopted under C111, Section 31 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. The new regulations read as follows:

1. All soil tests in subdivisions and on a parcel of land in excess of three (3) acres on an accepted street shall be made during the time when ground water is at the highest elevation, January first through May thirty-first. Requests for soil tests to be made during this period must be submitted no later than May fifteenth.
2. The percolation test shall require a drop one (1) inch in twenty (20) minutes.
3. A representative of the Board of Health must witness all tests. The tests must be performed in accordance with Regulation 14.2 of the Massachusetts Sanitary Code, Article XI.
4. The above regulations are adopted under Chapter III, Section 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Immunization Clinics conducted by Mrs. Carolyn Booth, R.N. and Dr. Charles M. Souza during March, April and May

offered complete immunization for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, mumps and rubella to all Dighton children. Results of these clinics are listed in the Report of the School Nurse. During October and November, a total of 35 Mantou tests for tuberculosis were administered to school personnel, including some volunteer workers. On October 27, 1977, a flu clinic was held for Senior Citizens. Vaccine was administered to 118 persons.

Rubbish collection was a subject of concern at one point in 1977, when Mr. Jacome, who had been awarded the rubbish contract bid in March, 1977, was unable for business reasons to continue to perform his duties as agreed. In August, it became necessary to put the rubbish pickup contract out for bids a second time. Low bidder at that time was J. William Borges of Assonet, and he was subsequently awarded the contract for rubbish pickup only. Since Mr. Jacome had also been responsible for the compacting and covering of refuse at the Sanitary Landfill site, and since none of the five rubbish pickup bids received in August included that function, the bid for covering and compacting of the refuse was awarded to Gilbert Lopes of Dighton, who had entered a bid on that function only. The resultant situation meant that our appropriation for Fiscal Year 1977-1978 would no longer be adequate to meet landfill and rubbish collection costs, and a transfer of funds from Title II, Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance (Federal) monies was approved by a Special Town Meeting vote on October 12, 1977, to alleviate this problem.

Also in 1977, the Town of Dighton has been required to submit and have approved by the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering of Massachusetts an operational plan for the Sanitary Landfill area, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 150A. This operational plan, approved in June by the DEQE, requires strict compliance and supervision by the Board of Health. Additionally, we have been required to retain an engineer to carry out regular inspections and submit reports as required by the DEQE.

The life of our present landfill site is limited to less than 1½ years, and the Town must immediately take steps to provide for solid waste disposal for the future. In this regard, the Town has received a report prepared by Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District regarding potential sanitary landfill sites which might be assigned for use when the present landfill has reached full capacity as determined by DEQE regulations and its operational plan. The Board of Health is also studying and considering other alternatives, including the possible transfer of Dighton's solid waste to a facility outside of Dighton. Whatever information we can obtain will be compiled and presented to the Townspeople for consideration in the near future.

The problem of sewage pollution of the Three Mile River continues to overshadow our efforts in other directions. This problem and its present status is more fully outlined in the Selectmen's Annual Report.

Despite some temporary inconveniences caused by unforeseen circumstances which have arisen from time to time, 1977 has been a good year for Dighton, public healthwise. This Board extends our sincere appreciation to the taxpayers and citizens of Dighton and to all those who have assisted and co-operated with us in carrying out our duties in 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRNA D. ADAMS

CHARLES P. TERRY

EDWARD J. SANTOS

Board of Health

ANNUAL REPORT
BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

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This is the fourteenth annual report of the Board of Appeals. During the year 1977 this Board conducted twelve (12) public hearings where variances to the Zoning By-Law were sought by property owners in the Town of Dighton. Of these cases nine (9) were granted.

Variances to the Zoning By-Law are issued by the Board when its members find undue hardship to the petitioner in failing to obtain a permit to build and when the granting of a variance does not materially or adversely affect the public or the abutting property owners.

Zoning regulations could not be successfully imposed if there were not provided some means of granting relief to owners of land from hardships that arise from the strict application of the law.

No matter how carefully the ordinances or by-law is drawn, there are bound to be cases in which literal application of the law deprives the owner of all, or almost all, beneficial use of his land.

Respectfully submitted,

FROHMAN ANDERSON
JOSEPH LAWRENCE
WILLIAM JOHNSON
THOMAS WYNN
RICHARD ARRUDA
J. FORD GOLSBY

Board of Appeals

ANNUAL REPORT
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our report to the citizens of Dighton for Fiscal year 1978 is as follows:

II. LOCAL EXPENDITURES

A. Total Appropriations	\$2,751,979.01
B. Special Education, 1972, Ch. 766 (This is included in school appropriation)	
C. Other Local Expenditures	
Final Court Judgments	35,000.00
Total Offsets	9,641.50
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Total of A, B and C	\$2,796,620.51

III. STATE ASSESSMENTS

	(a) Assessments	(b) under Assessments
1. Total county tax and state assessments	\$136,997.17	\$ 554.48
2. County Tax	104,504.82	
3. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1		\$ 33,047.83
IV. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		\$ 104,504.82
V. OVERLAY		\$ 68,059.58
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VI. GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$3,002,232.74
(Total of Parts II through V, Enter in Part 1, Line 1)	

VII. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1. Total estimated receipts from state	\$509,399.65
2. Prior years overestimates state and county	25,314.26

3. Local estimated receipts	186,697.00	
4. Available funds	348,223.58	
5. Available funds to reduce tax rate		
6. Total of Lines 1 through 5		\$1,069,634.49
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		\$1,932,598.25

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

1. Gross Amount to be Raised (from Part VI)		\$3,002,232.74
2. Estimated Receipts and Available Funds (From part VII, Line 6)		1,069,634.49
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3. Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation (subtract Line 2 from Line 1)		\$1,932,598.25
4. Real Property Valuations	\$12,780,700.00	
5. Personal Property Valuations	1,641,675.00	
6. Total Property Valuations (add Line 4 and Line 5)	<hr/>	\$14,422,375.00
7. Tax Rate (divide Line 3 by Line 6, multiply by 1000)		134.00
8. Real Property Tax (multiply Line 4 by Line 7)		1,712,613.80
9. Personal Property Tax (multiply Line 5 by Line 7)		219,984.45
10. Total Taxes Levied on Property (add Line 8 and Line 9)		<hr/>
		\$1,932,598.25

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$ 154,727.38	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in '77	19,740.65	
Overlay	5,451.99	
Amount to be raised	<hr/>	\$ 179,920.02
Estimated receipts	41,196.80	

Transferred from available funds	19,740.65	
Total Estimated Receipts		60,937.45
Net amount to be raised by taxes		118,982.57
Value of Personal Property	808,825.00	
Taxes on Personal Property		10,514.73
Value of Real Estate	8,343,680.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		108,467.84
Total Valuations	\$9,152,505.00	
Total Taxes		\$ 118,982.57
TAX RATE \$13.00 per M		

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$ 12,090.00	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in '77	1,000.00	
Overlay	1,939.94	
Amount to be raised		\$15,029.94
From Savings Account to reduce Rate	1,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		1,000.00
Net Amount to be raised by taxes		\$14,029.94
Value of Personal Property	\$ 724,936.00	
Taxes on Personal Property		1,377.38
Value of Real Estate	6,659,242.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		12,652.56
Total Valuation	\$7,384,178.00	
Total Taxes		\$14,029.94
TAX RATE \$1.90 per M		

NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT

Appropriations	\$ 54,611.50	
To be taken from available funds		
Voted in 1977	14,500.00	
Overlay	975.08	
Amount to be raised		\$70,086.58

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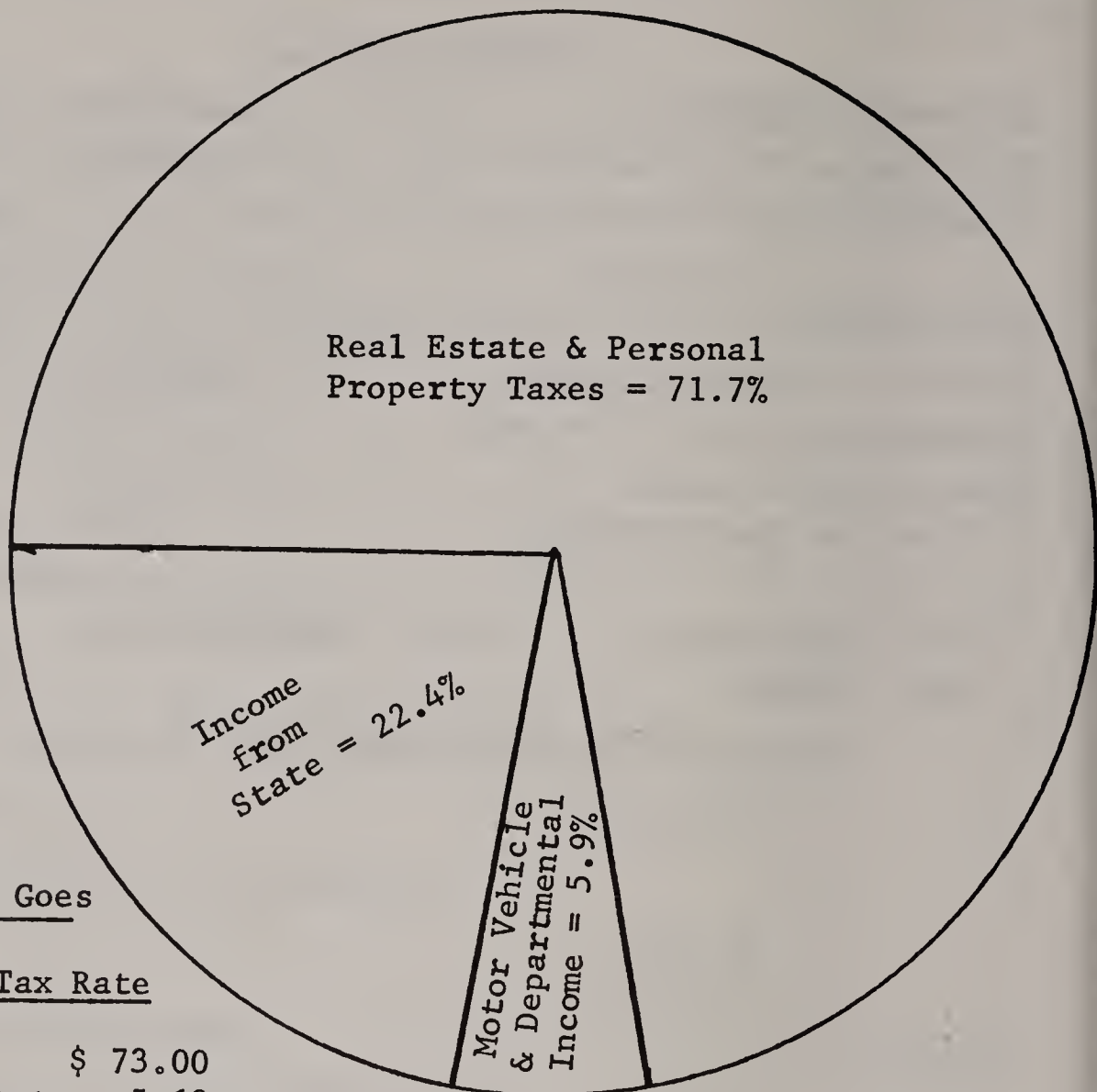
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Estimated Receipts	41,400.00	
Transferred from available funds	14,500.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		55,900.00
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Net Amount to be raised by taxes		\$14,186.58
Value of Personal Property	\$ 269,455.00	
Taxes on Personal Property		1,279.91
Value of Real Estate	2,717,194.00	
Taxes on Real Estate		12,906.67
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Total Valuation	\$2,986,649.00	
Total Taxes		\$14,186.58
TAX RATE \$4.75 per M		

Gross Amount Needed To Run Town = \$2,968,286.

Where Tax Dollar Comes From

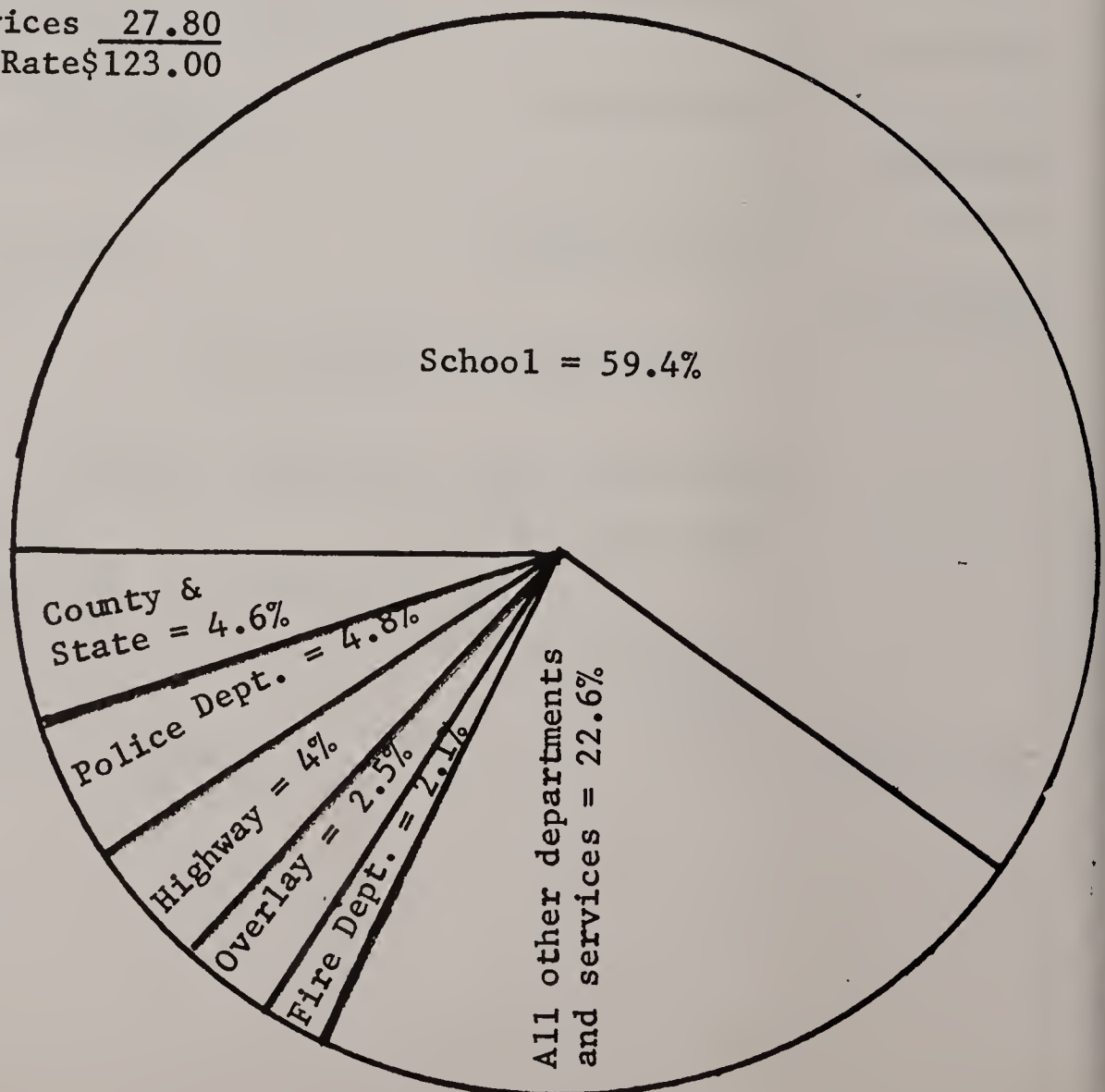
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Where Tax Dollar Goes
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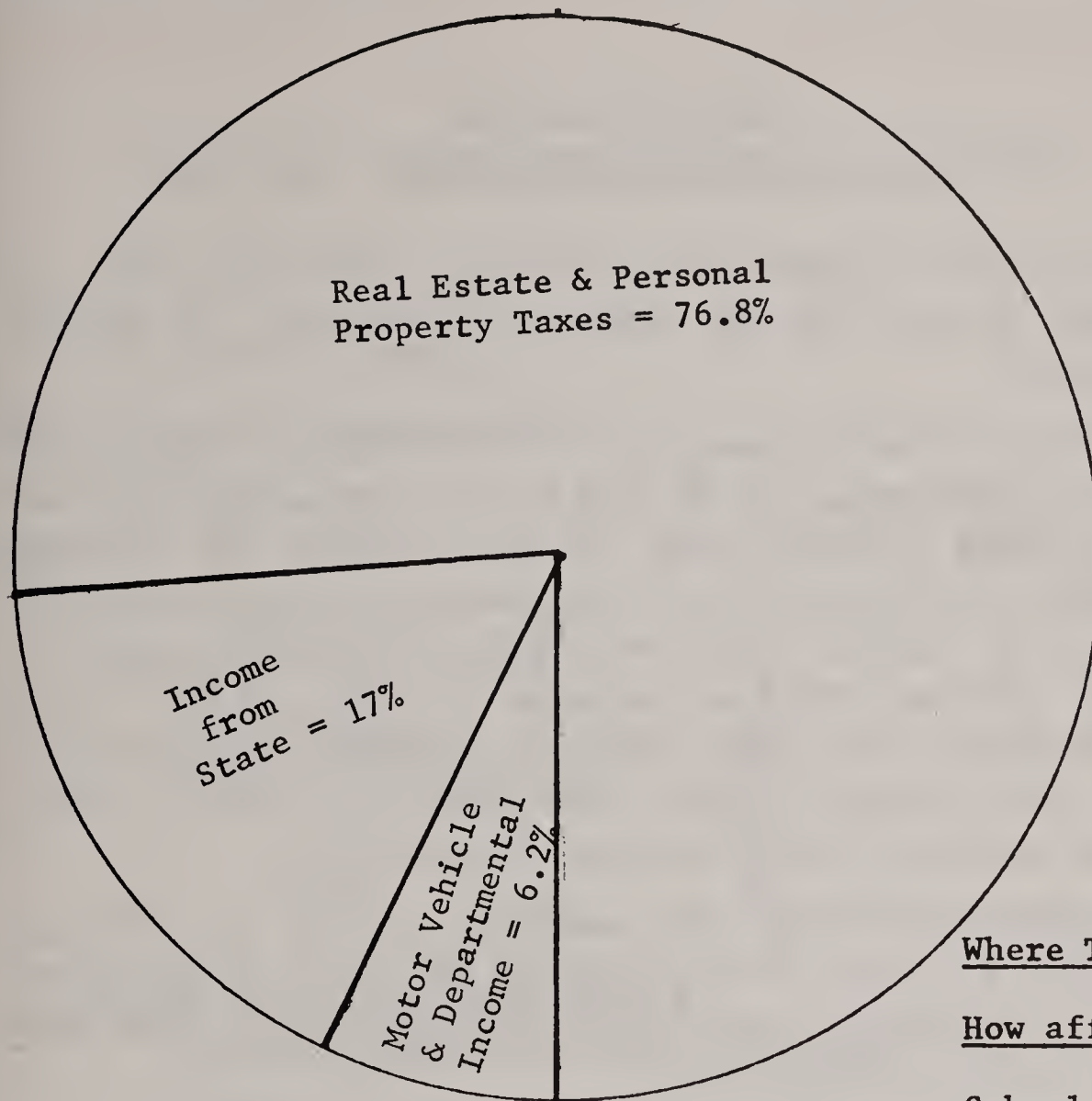
How affected on Tax Rate

Schools	\$ 73.00
County & State	5.68
Police Dept.	5.92
Highway Dept.	4.94
Overlay	3.08
Fire Dept.	2.58
Other Depts. & Services	27.80
Total Tax Rate	\$123.00



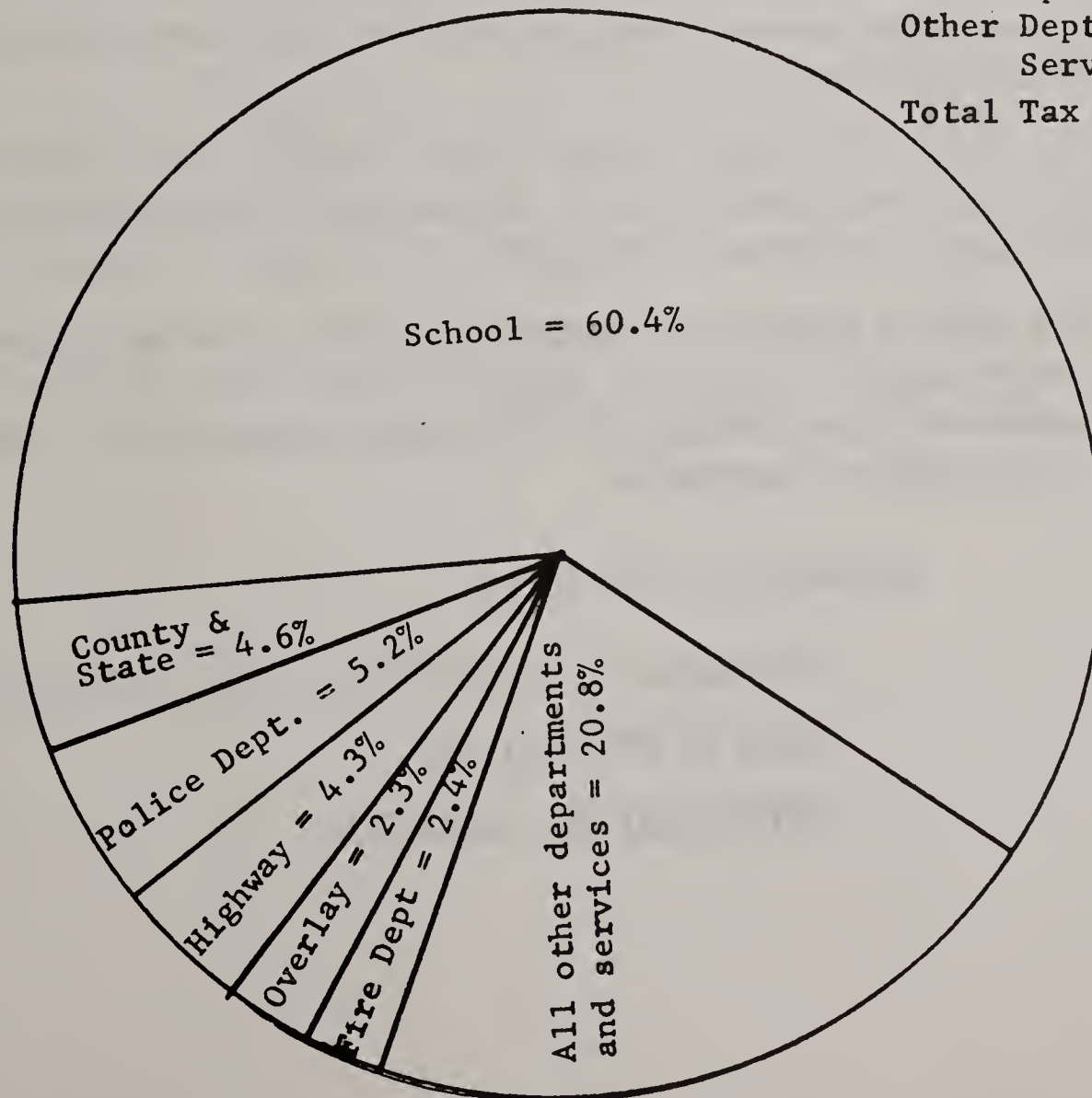
Where Tax Dollar Comes From

This Chart Based On Fiscal 1978



Where Tax Dollar Goes
and
How affected on Tax Rate

Schools	\$ 80.94
County & State	6.16
Police Dept.	6.97
Highway Dept.	5.76
Overlay	3.08
Fire Dept.	3.22
Other Depts. & Services	27.87
Total Tax Rate	\$134.00



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If you will examine the two charts showing fiscal '77 and fiscal '78 you will see where and how your tax dollars were spent.

Town government has become increasingly complex and expensive. Ten years ago we had a total town budget of one million dollars whereas fiscal '78 town budget was slightly more than 3 million; this is a whopping 200 percent increase, averaging 20 percent each year. Yet during this period of 10 years your tax rate has increased only \$47. or 54%. This is due in part to new and increased valuations. For example in 1967 our assessed values were \$6,664,720. and in fiscal 1978 our assessed values were at \$14,422,375.

Interestingly enough the weighted average tax bill has risen only 75 percent during this 10 year span when rising costs of government and schools combined have risen 200 percent in the same period.

Last year's report indicated that fiscal '78 would reflect full and fair cash assessments, yet this was not the case due to some very technical problems in establishing full values that would be acceptable to the State Tax Commission. These same conditions prevail today so we are unable to comment further on this subject.

We have expressed many times before that Dighton enjoys a tax base almost second to none and that our position in this regard remains unchanged.

We wish to express our thanks for the continued support and understanding you have given us. Also, our thanks to each and every town department for their cooperation in helping us to achieve our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. MENDOZA, CMA, Chairman

LEO T. PIVIROTTI

RICHARD M. ARRUDA

ANNUAL REPORT
REPORT OF SANITATION INSPECTOR

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To the Board of Health

Mrs. Adams and Gentlemen:

The following is a report of inspections and permits issued:

SANITATION PERMITS

New Houses	48
Repairs & alterations	18
	—
Total	66

FOOD SERVICE PERMITS &
INSPECTIONS OF FOOD SERVICE 32

SOIL TESTS FOR POTENTIAL BUILDINGS 81

During the year the State adopted new rules for on site sewage disposal that must be followed by all cities and towns.

The Board of Health's regulation on the time and notification by developers to me, will help in the performance of soil tests during the critical time of high water.

I wish to thank the Board of Health for their help in all matters brought before them.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. DUFFY, R.S., C.H.O.,
Sanitation Inspector

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DOG OFFICER'S REPORT—1977

Dog Bites	32	Dog Complaints	205
Dogs Killed by Cars	54	Stray Dogs	127
Lost Dogs	82	Cruelty Complaints	3
Dogs Found	23	Dogs Sold	
Dogs Poisoned & Shot ..	9	Dogs Hit by Cars	17
Dogs Found Dead	17	Dogs Chewed/ Killed by Dogs	11

ANIMALS KILLED BY DOGS

Sheep	8	Goats	4
Rabbits	8	Chickens	23
Cats	3	Ducks & Geese	7

All complaints involving dogs were acted on. All owners of dogs that had bitten people were notified to restrain their dogs for (14) days. Stray dogs were held for (10) days, then either returned to owners, sold, or disposed of| I received many complaints of dogs in rubbish, chasing cars and people riding bicycles, chasing people walking on the streets, and using neighbor's yards for "comfort stations." It is the duty of all dog owners to clean up after their dogs, keep them out of their neighbor's rubbish, and restrain their dogs on rubbish pickup days. All dog owners are liable for any damage their dogs have done to Livestock, Fowl, or Property!

The law requires that all dogs, over the age of (3) months, must be licensed every year, (Due April 1), whether penned, housed, or running loose, and receive Rabies Shots every (2) years and wear both tags attached to a collar or harness. Dog licenses are available at the Town Office on or before April 1. All unlicensed dogs will be picked up at the expense of the owner. There are still a number of unlicensed dogs in the Town of Dighton. A special effort will be made to contact

their owners to license their dogs or court action will result. First and second notices to license delinquent dogs will not be mailed out providing dogs are licensed by May. Delinquent license notices will be mailed out (2) times after that date.

I wish to thank the Members of the Police Dept., Communication Center, and the Town Office for their help and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE R. KATON,

Dog Officer

DOGS LICENSED IN 1977

MALES	467
FEMALES	68
SPAYED	292
KENNEL	18
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	845

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

From 1976 into 1977 seven (7) houses completed with two (2) cancellations. Additions five (5) one not completed, one cancellation, two (2) not started and one completed.

One barn not started. The Princess House completed phase 1 and 3 with some work done on #2.

1977—new houses fifty-five (55) permits issued. Thirty-six (36) completed with nineteen (19) to be finished. One was picked up from 1974. There should be two cancellations, one on Smith Street and one on Hart Street. That leave seventeen (17) houses to complete in 1978.

Garages: five (5) permits, two (2) completed, one (1) waiting on Board of Appeals, and two (2) to be completed.

Additions: nineteen (19) permits issued, two (2) in flood plain in which they cannot build under flood plain. That leaves seventeen (17) which have been completed.

Remodeling: eighteen (18) permits issued and completed.

Pools: seven (7) permits issued, one cancellation six (6) completed.

Demolish: one (1) house, one (1) chimney, one (1) pool, two (2) barns.

General Repairs: two (2) permits issued, two (2) completed.

Fireplaces: two (2) permits issued, two (2) completed.

Sheds: twenty-four (24) permits issued, one (1) to repair the others are utility sheds.

Fences: nine (9) permits issued all completed.

Car Garages: three (3) permits issued, one (1) not started two (2) to complete.

Permits for one (1) landing dock, one (1) signed moving two (2) sheds, one (1) screen house and one (1) chimney.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYNARD F. HORTON, SR.,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Chairman, William Costa resigned. Robert Ferreira was appointed for the remainder of the year. Frank Alves, Board member, was voted Chairman of the Board.

Division of land under "subdivision approval not required" was active this past year.

The Planning Board is still reviewing with SRPEDD the mandatory acts of General Laws Chapter 808.

The Planning Board has met in quorum at least twice a month.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK ALVES

DON BOISVERT

JOHN PELLETIER

PAUL JOLY

ROBERT FERREIRA

Planning Board

ANNUAL REPORT
REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 1977—
July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977—in the following schedules:

Balance Sheet—General Accounts

Receipts of General Cash

Disbursements of General Cash

Statement of Appropriations—General Accounts

Analysis of Surplus Revenue and Free Cash

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds (P.L. 92-512 & P.L. 94-
488)

Receipts

Disbursements

Statement of Appropriations

Balance Sheet (P.L. 92-512 & P.L. 94-488)

Balance Sheet—Trust and Investment Accounts

There is a temporary loan in anticipation of state reimbursement in the amount of \$15,000.00 outstanding as of June 30, 1977.

Free Cash as certified by the Bureau of Accounts as of July 1, 1977 is \$188,831.00.

Respectfully submitted,

DORIS B. HOPKINS,

Town Accountant

GENERAL ACCOUNTS
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
Cash		Reserve for Petty Cash Advance	\$ 8.00
On hand and in banks		Unidentified Cash Receipts (Collector)	130.05
Petty Cash Advance			
Accounts Receivable		Overlays Reserved for Abatements	
Levy of 1974/75		Levy of 1974/75	32.80
Personal Property		Levy of 1975/76	8,551.85
Levy of 1975/76		Levy of 1976/77	12,859.32
Personal Property	80.85		
Real Estate	6,931.00	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	21,443.97
			76,899.19
Levy of 1976/77		Revenue Reserved Until Collected	
Personal Property	138.38	Taxes in Litigation	8,708.60
Real Estate	32,257.51	Tax Title & Possessions	15,332.21
		Motor Vehicle Excise	76,021.90
		Departmental	1,755.00
		Aid to Highways	25,500.00
Taxes in Litigation			127,317.71
Tax Titles & Possessions		Sale of Real Estate	500.00
Tax Titles	9,555.92	Tailings	
Tax Possessions	5,776.29	Unclaimed checks	781.81
		Overestimates	
Motor Vehicle Excise		State Taxes & Assessments	938.35
Levy of 1972	2.21	State Recreation Areas	
Levy of 1973	386.11		
Levy of 1974	1,670.87		

Levy of 1975
Levy of 1976
Levy of 1977

4,632.85
18,926.34
50,403.52

Departmental Accounts Receivable
Board of Health
Planning Board

390.00
1,365.00

Aid to Highways
State & County

Underestimates
State Taxes & Assessments
Mosquito Control

Revenue—1978

Annual Town Meeting
Transferred from
available funds

2,748,979.01
345,223.58

Air Pollution
County Tax

2.96
25,678.74

76,021.90

Payroll Deductions

Teachers Retirement
Tax Sheltered Annuities
Teachers Income Protection
Group Insurance

13.48
944.04
107.86
6,155.08

1,755.00

Agency
Dog Licenses

40,500.00

Temporary Loan in Anticipation
of Reimbursement (Highway)

554.48

Appropriation Control—1978

SURPLUS REVENUE

Appropriation balances

Planning Board (encumbered)
Professional Service/
Conservation

3,080.00
2,940.00
2,043.51

Historical Concervation Area

Engineering & Legal Work
Acquisition of Land

2,000.00
3,000.00
3,300.00
2,500.00
250.00

New Door—Town Vault
Copy Machine
Tape Recorder
Air Conditioners

2,000.00
1,858.75
31,000.00
12,083.38

Fire Dept. (encumbered)

New Ambulance

New Police Station

Police Cruiser	5,500.00	
Speed Signs	806.00	
Fire Radio	2,000.00	
Operational Plan/landfill area	22.00	
Water Service to Landfill	9,000.00	
Building—Landfill Area	5,600.00	
Consulting Eng./Water Poll.	9,406.47	
Engineering re: Landfill	21,000.00	
Chap. 765, Sec. 4 Williams St.	2,803.24	
Chap. 825, Sec. 1 Williams St.	1,738.86	
Chap. 765 (ant. of reimb.)	27,923.00	
Chap. 765 (town funds)	9,308.00	
Chap. 765 Center & Main Sts.	1.99	
Chap. 765 Improvement	4,131.67	
Williams St. land taking	5,023.92	
Hart Street Extension	5,000.00	
Front-end Loader—		
Highway Dept.	225.00	
Maple Street Construction	25.31	
Drainage—Forest St.	63.41	
Highway—truck	11,500.00	
Highway—tractor	5,282.00	
Veterans Acc't (encumbered)	2,095.10	
School Needs Study	2,042.84	
Recreation Center	310.86	
Town Insurance (encumbered)	6,900.00	
	<hr/>	203,765.31
Revolving Funds		
School Lunch	6,150.12	
Chap. 88 School Ind. Arts.	2,331.78	
Gasoline Account	289.73	
	<hr/>	8,771.63

Federal Grants		
Title I	3,088.68	
Title III	1,538.74	
		<u>4,627.42</u>
State Grants		
Local Growth Policy	155.22	
Council on Aging	1,000.00	
		<u>1,155.22</u>
		<u>\$3,280,907.30</u>
	<u>\$3,280,907.30</u>	

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RECEIPTS OF GENERAL CASH

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Fiscal Year 7/1/76 to 6/30/77

TAXES

REAL ESTATE

1973/74	\$ 492.91	
1974/75	1,306.46	
1975/76	16,933.73	
1976/77	1,405,448.97	
	<hr/>	\$1,424,182.07

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1973/74	25.05	
1974/75	385.40	
1975/76	757.72	
1976/77	199,010.93	
	<hr/>	200,179.10

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1973	326.22	
1974	1,313.50	
1975	14,391.45	
1976	99,292.94	
1977	81,363.57	
	<hr/>	196,687.68

TAX TITLE REDEMPTIONS	7,978.16
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INTEREST ON TAXES

Real Estate	1,912.84	
Personal Property	153.92	
Motor Vehicle Excise	905.92	
Tax Titles	433.26	
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DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

Dighton-Berkley Bridge	93.54
Veterans Benefits	2,459.85
Board of Health/soil tests	1,015.00

Civil Defense/Surplus Property	358.00	
Board of Health—reimb. T.B. care	1,027.05	
Police Dept./insurance reports	345.00	
/witness fees	644.48	
		5,942.92
AID TO HIGHWAYS—State		
M/A 27389	1,500.00	
M/A 27780	8,500.00	
M/A 28958	29,769.00	
M/A 27223	194.95	
		39,963.95
AID TO HIGHWAYS—County		
M/A 27389	750.00	
M/A 27780	4,250.00	
M/A 28958	4,300.00	
M/A 27223	97.48	
		9,397.48
COUNTY OF BRISTOL		
Dog Fund	1,003.34	
Care & Boarding of Dogs	1,164.00	
Court Fines	430.50	
Reimbursement—Dutch Elm Disease	500.09	
		3,097.93
SCHOOL CAFETERIA		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	31,115.28	
Schools	32,305.00	
		63,420.28
JUNIOR HIGH/INDUSTRIAL ARTS		804.26
CHAPTER 733—OFF DUTY WORK DETAILS		
Police	44,296.25	
School	477.56	
Fire	3,428.50	
Highway	63.45	
		48,265.76

LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES

Building Permits	1,685.00
Pool & building inspecitons	150.00
Occupancy permits	10.00
Plumbing permits	1,291.00
Sanitation permits	250.00
Electrical permits	834.50
Syringe	.50
Gasoline storage	5.00
Auctioneer	25.00
Junk license	5.00
Motor Vehicle —	
Class I	34.00
Class II	48.00
Class III	24.00
Gravel	90.00
Lord's Day Sale	22.00
Lord's Day Entertainment	102.00
Milk Store	6.00
Milk Vehicle	20.00
Common Food Victualer	35.00
Food Service Establishment	126.50
Common Victualer/all alchol	2,000.00
Package Store/all alcohol	400.00
Package Store/wine & malt	100.00
Temporary B & W	88.00
Denatured alcohol	4.00
Oleo	2.00
Camp & cabin	10.50
Oyster bed	65.00
Mobile service permit	1.00
Hearings	158.33
Gas renewal	4.50
Raffie	50.00
License to carry	340.00
F.I.D. cards	128.00
License to sell	33.00
Ammo license	1.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	101.00
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	8,249.83

MISCELLANEOUS

Town coins	19.50
Anniversary booklets	10.00
Town histories	130.00
Lives & Fortens books	325.50
Street listings & maps	17.25
Toll calls—misc.	2.50
Photocopies	49.10
Cert. of municipal liens	420.00
Zoning booklets	31.00
Toll calls—school	26.50
Library fines	85.34
Liquor I.D.	8.00
Sanitary fund—school	6.35
TGAI Office expense	600.00
Petty Cash Advance/C.O.A.	50.00
	/Selectmen 75.00
	/Police 50.00

 1,906.04
REFUNDS & RECOVERIES

Gasoline Account (water district)	1,381.65
Highway dept.	300.13
Bicentennial Comm. custodian fees	17.55
Veterans Account—refund	303.25
Public Library—refund	25.90
Group Insurance dividend	326.88
Title I—refund	88.13
Insurance—Errors & Omissions Policy	1,043.95

 3,487.44
AGENCY ACCOUNTS

County Retirement	24,100.44
Federal Tax	169,203.78
State Tax	57,485.64
Teachers Retirement	34,450.74
Teachers Income Protection	647.16
Tax Sheltered Annuities	6,339.24
Dues	
Street Dept.	504.00

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Police Dept.	448.20	
Teachers	2,944.00	
Deferred Compensation	4,076.58	
Sale of Dogs	72.00	
Dog licenses	2,272.80	
Contributory Group Insurance		
Employee deductions	29,551.99	
Receipts for Grp. Ins.	3,324.56	
State Meals tax—school cafeteria	236.86	
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		335,657.99

INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS

Charles Chase—School Fund	31.00	
Cemeteries—perpetual care	1,123.89	
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		1,154.89

GIFTS & BEQUESTS

Senior Citizens Party		200.00
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FEDERAL GRANTS

Title I (School)	18,795.00	
Title II (School)	837.53	
Anti-Recession Title II P.L. 94-369	18,360.00	
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		37,992.53

TEMPORARY LOANS

Anticipation of Reimbursement— Highway		15,000.00
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INVESTMENT OF GENERAL CASH

Matured	1,650,000.00	
Interest earned on C.D.	7,927.79	
Interest on savings acct.	5,746.77	
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		1,663,674.56

TAILINGS

Unidentified cash receipt		130.05
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

School Aid Chp. 70	414,306.64	
Special Needs Chp. 71B	51,552.00	

School Transportation Chp. 71	43,189.00	
Voke Chp. 74 s 9 & 10	604.00	
Public Library	1,750.13	
Highway Fund Chp. 825	50,212.29	
Highway Fund Chp. 81 s 31	35,170.45	
Local Aid Chp. 29 s 2D	30,340.16	
State Census Reimbursement	1,265.00	
	<hr/>	628,389.67

STATE GRANT

Local Growth Policy	200.00
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TRANSFERS

From Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	
For Police Department appropriation	85,408.74
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TOTAL RECEIPTS GENERAL CASH \$4,784,777.27

CASH BALANCE 7/1/76 906,018.07

\$5,690,795.34

DISBURSEMENTS OF GENERAL CASH

Fiscal Year 7/1/76 to 6/30/77

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Salaries—Chairman	\$	3,000.00	
—Others		4,000.00	
Telephone		823.78	
Printing, postage, supplies		464.74	
Dues—travel expense		1,819.29	
Building Inspector		1,800.00	
Electrical Inspector		834.50	
Petty Cash Advance		75.00	
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			\$ 12,817.31

Town Accountant

Salary	9,880.00	
Supplies, printing, postage	335.03	
Dues, meetings, mileage	238.97	
Binding	75.64	
Equipment Maintenance	44.85	
Telephone	231.81	
New equipment—fireproof file	134.60	
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		10,940.90

Town Clerk

Salary	3,500.00	
Assistant's salary	3,083.00	
Clerical wages	1,600.00	
Supplies, printing, postage	396.86	
Telephone	233.06	
Dues, meetings, mileage	299.23	
Equipment, service & rental	295.32	
Misc.	55.00	
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		9,462.47

Town Collector

Salary	4,500.00
Assistant's salary	3,233.00
Clerical wages	1,600.00
Supplies, printing, postage	1,294.45
Data Processing	622.45
Telephone	227.96
Dues, meetings, mileage	227.20
Equipment, service & rental	199.00
Misc.	38.75

11,942.81
Town Treasurer

Salary	3,500.00
Assistant's salary	3,083.00
Clerical wages	1,600.00
Supplies, printing, postage	1,481.30
Telephone	230.84
Dues, meetings, mileage	143.56
Equipment, service & rental	114.50
Misc.	10.00

10,163.20
Tax Title Expense

1,477.12

Finance Committee

50.00

Board of Appeals

142.34

Board of Assessors

Salaries—Chairman CMA	14,500.00
—Others	3,200.00
Secretary	7,800.00
Telephone	544.21
Supplies, printing, postage	496.58
Dues, meetings, mileage, school, workshops	1,790.14
Out of state travel	300.00
Use of car—field work	800.00
Transfers from registry	107.58

Book binding	228.50	
Updating maps	700.00	
Data processing	697.45	
Equipment and repairs	724.31	
	<hr/>	31,888.77

Election & Registration

Registrar's salaries	500.00	
Street listing	1,830.03	
Election workers	908.70	
Police/custodians	471.40	
Clerical	90.00	
Supplies, printing, postage	384.11	
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Planning Board

Dues	51.00	
SRPEDD assessment	761.40	
Postage, supplies	47.06	
Advertising	23.80	
Delegate expense	21.36	
Maps & printing	236.00	
Inspection fees & surveys	12.00	
	<hr/>	1,152.62

Town Office

Clerk typist salary	7,800.00	
Printing town report	2,100.00	
Advertising	518.73	
Supplies, printing, postage	1,506.11	
Equipment maintenance	195.00	
Misc. & repairs	171.61	
Historian expense	45.00	
Moderator	100.00	
Out of state travel	30.42	
Misc. expense—travel & processing	257.70	
Tree Warden	100.00	
Dues M.L.C.T.	218.90	
Supt. Insect Pest Control	100.00	
New equipment—typewriter	488.00	
	<hr/>	13,631.47

Town Counsel

Legal fees, reference	7,351.32
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Conservation Commission	61.78
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Tax Titles Due Districts

Dighton Electric Light	17.52	
Dighton Water	516.99	
North Dighton Fire	11.40	
	<hr/>	545.91

Print Real Estate Books	1,741.57
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Dehumidifier—Town Vault	165.00
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Alarm System—Treasurers Office	670.00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**Police Department**

Salaries	91,711.38
Shift Differential	1,273.90
Extra Duty	17,282.42
Secretary/Police woman	8,426.08
Course allow., longevity, tuition	1,725.00
Dues, meetings, mileage	243.75
Gas & oil	6,890.71
Supplies, printing, postage	1,653.13
Lock up	61.10
Equipment & repairs	7,526.25
Misc.	661.73
Basic training	434.28
Clothing allowance	1,525.60
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139,415.33*

*Transferred from Federal Revenue

Sharing for payroll	85,408.74
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Paid from General Cash	54,006.59
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Off Duty Work Details

Police	44,108.00	
School	823.28	
Fire	3,428.50	
Highway	63.45	
	<hr/>	48,423.23

Ambulance Maintenance

Wages	2,649.50	
Supplies	358.21	
Gas & oil	450.34	
Repairs	16.68	
Laundry	36.87	
Training	90.00	
	<hr/>	3,601.60

Fire Department

Salary—full time men	21,433.32	
Expene—full time men	594.88	
Wages	16,262.75	
Buildings		
Utilities	3,892.45	
Repair	1,940.88	
	<hr/>	5,833.33
Telephones	679.06	
Radios	372.81	
Trucks		
Gas & oil	1,279.43	
Repair	952.88	
	<hr/>	2,232.31
Office & postage	166.56	
Dues & meetings	296.50	
Training	200.00	
Sundries	169.20	
Hose & equipment	4,597.00	
	<hr/>	52,837.72

Hydrant Rental

1,740.00

Dog Officer

Salary	1,200.00	
Board/Keep & mileage	1,623.88	
Part time help	352.00	
Supplies & misc.	144.85	
Clerical	125.00	
	<hr/>	3,445.73

Care of Town Elms 1,366.00

Insect Pest Control 423.70

Shade Tree Account 329.75

Civil Defense

Director's salary	600.00	
Telephone	112.44	
Equipment & repairs	73.00	
Electricity & fuel	60.00	
Surplus Property	395.50	
Training exp.	90.00	
Misc.—uniforms	204.00	
	<hr/>	1,534.94

Communication Center

Salaries	23,926.14	
Telephones	2,000.39	
Supplies	192.08	
Spec. phone UHF	372.40	
Radio repair & check	29.00	
	<hr/>	26,520.01

Police Cruisers with accessories 9,761.33

New Police Station 25,166.62

HEALTH AND SANITATION**Board of Health**

Animal Inspector	250.00	
Nursing Service (T.V.N.A.)	365.00	
Misc. supplies & expense	559.78	
Recording vital statistics	140.00	
Engineering soil test fees	830.00	
Sanitation Inspector	500.00	
Plumbing Inspector fees	1,296.00	
Clinic expense	913.29	
Install sill cock—So. fire station (water for No. Dighton residents)	186.60	
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		5,040.67

Care of Landfill Area

Wages	2,600.00	
Maintenance	14,464.41	
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		17,064.41

Mosquito Control 400.00

Rubbish Collection Contract 26,433.00

Purchase of land adjacent to landfill area 3,500.00

Operational Plan—landfill area 900.00

**Service of consulting engineer to study
Pollution Problem** 5,593.53

HIGHWAYS**Highway Department**

Wages	77,654.85
Material	710.06
Equipment rental & equipment	4,467.90
Supplies & repairs	2,247.35

Traffic control		909.30	
Removal of dead trees		975.50	
Building			
Utilities	3,156.65		
Telephone	727.66		
Maint. & supplies	503.63		
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		4,387.94	
Gravel Roads		4,726.91	
Snow Removal			
Equipment	5,005.75		
Material	10,544.39		
Labor	7,271.49		
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		22,821.63	
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			118,901.44
Road Machinery Account			
Gasoline & oil		6,257.30	
Parts & repair		7,010.72	
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			13,268.02
Williams Street Construction			
M/A #27389		3,000.00	
M/A #27780		17,000.00	
M/A #28958		44,165.76	
Chap. 825 Sect. 1		51,796.14	
Chap. 1140 Sect. 20		35,091.00	
M/A 27223		389.89	
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			151,442.79
Construction, Reconstruction & Improvement of Town Roads			
M/A 28958			30,000.00
M/A 28957			368.33
Sidewalk Maintenance			1,486.70
Brush Control			489.00
Maple Street Layout			261.00

Maple Street Construction

(1975)	105.00
(1976)	5,000.00
(1977)	4,974.69

Highway Maintenance Account	14,982.64
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Dighton-Berkley Bridge

Tender's salary	840.00	
Power & misc.	21.92	
Repairs & Maintenance	40.00	
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		901.92

Front-end loader & backhoe	22,775.00
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Woodchipper	5,872.30
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VETERANS SERVICES

Veterans Benefits (FY 1976 encumbered)	1,599.55
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Veterans Benefits

Salary of Agent	1,200.00	
Cash	14,994.03	
Medical & fuel	1,590.87	
Travel, dues, meetings	120.00	
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		17,904.90

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY**School Department**

Administration	32,652.32
Instruction	664,079.44
Other School Services	63,246.28
Operation & Maint. of plant	189,108.34
Fixed charges	6,339.24
Fixed assets	8,624.51
Programs w/other districts	1,044.66
Vocational evening program	76.50

Kindergarten	24,012.05	
Special Education program	140,672.65	
		1,129,855.99
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District		681,196.24
Cafeteria		
Salary	25,170.58	
Food	35,893.12	
Pest control	48.00	
Misc.	930.42	
		62,042.12
Title I Funds		15,794.45
Title II Funds		868.47
Chapter 88 Industrial Arts		330.00
Public Library		
Salary	3,450.00	
Custodian	450.00	
Assistants	1,664.70	
Books & magazines	2,147.13	
Utilities	845.61	
Supplies	197.17	
Telephone	184.92	
Misc. expense	90.00	
Dues & meetings	56.65	
		9,086.18
Public Library Enrichment Fund		2,115.00
Dehumidifier—Public Library		295.00
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED		
Playground & Recreation		
Care of grounds	1,735.29	

Maintenance of playgrounds	348.85	
Instructors salaries	1,965.00	
New equipment	358.50	
Lighting expense	126.45	
Tennis program	665.30	
Summer program	460.76	
Tennis court improvement	1,372.40	
Winter program (movies)	578.36	
Kiddies Day	122.44	
	<hr/>	7,733.35
Memorial Day Observance		262.00
Veterans Building Maintenance		600.00
Maintenance—Civic Center		
Light & water	63.04	
Fuel	621.89	
Maintenance—Former Highway Garage		
Light	5.42	
	<hr/>	690.35
Gasoline Account		15,415.47
Tuitions		104.91
State Pension Reimbursement		1,088.52
Historical Commission		162.22
Growth Policy Committee		44.78
Contributory Group Insurance		
Appropriated		
Boston Mutual Life	1,476.79	

OME Standard	2,085.92	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	27,181.28	
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		30,743.99
Employee Deductions		
Boston Mutual Life	1,404.52	
OME Standard	1,227.60	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	25,628.67	
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		28,260.79
Receipts for Group Insurance		
Boston Mutual Life	160.60	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	3,127.84	
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		3,288.44
Town Insurance		
Special Multi-Peril Policy	23,420.00	
General Liability—CREDIT	4,211.05—	
(cancelled—covered by multi-peril)		
Bonds	620.00	
Police & Firemen	2,215.38	
Vehicle Liability—CREDIT	1,346.00—	
(1/1/77 billing not received		
6,900.00 encumbered 6/30/77)		
Vehicle—fire & theft	1,794.70	
Workmens Comp.	6,195.46	
Ambulance service	300.00	
Burglary	276.00	
Boiler	169.92	
Public Official Error & Omission	1,751.00	
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		31,185.41
Dighton-Berkley Community Services		
		984.99
State & County Taxes and Assessments		
County Retirement Assessment	37,925.00	
County Tax	82,026.68	
State Recreation Areas	16,750.60	
Air Pollution Control	218.80	

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Mosquito Control	5,242.48	
M/V Excise bills	688.05	
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Council on Aging

Office supplies & equipment	225.44	
Telephone	25.00	
Expendable supplies	540.79	
Christmas Event & bus hire	842.43	
Health programs	292.51	
I D photos	157.60	
Home Care Services	305.00	
Misc.—Petty Cash advance	50.00	
	<hr/>	2,438.77

200th Anniversary Celebration (Bicentennial Comm.)

Boat parade	300.00	
Mock Town Meeting	39.06	
Ecumenical Service	306.55	
Dighton Day	171.45	
Signs	270.00	
Special Section 1976 Town Report	150.00	
Commemorative Notebooks	100.00	
Books for library	141.83	
Research on old homes	360.00	
Misc.	29.98	
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Prior Year Bills

Police Department	39.24
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Gifts & Bequests

Senior Citizens Christmas party	200.00
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CEMETERIES—PUBLIC PROPERTY 949.80

AGENCY & TRUST—REFUNDS & TRANSFERS**Trust Funds—Interest**

Cemeteries Perpetual Care	873.89
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Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	250.00	
Charles Chase School Fund	31.00	
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		1,154.89
Agency Accounts		
County Retirement	24,100.44	
Federal Tax	169,203.78	
State Tax	57,485.64	
Teachers Retirement	34,437.26	
Teachers Income Protection	647.16	
Tax Sheltered Annuities	6,209.24	
Deferred Compensation	4,076.58	
Dues		
Highway	504.00	
Police	448.20	
Teachers	2,944.00	
Dog licenses	2,211.80	
Sale of dogs	81.00	
State meals tax (school cafeteria)	236.86	
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		302,585.96
Refunds		
1975 Motor Vehicle	126.69	
1976 Motor Vehicle	2,523.84	
1977 Motor Vehicle	460.25	
1977 Real Estate	1,169.73	
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		4,280.51
Investment of General Cash		
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		1,650,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS OF GENERAL CASH		
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		\$5,010,738.00
Less Transfers within accounts		
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		14,773.80
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		\$4,995,964.20
CASH BALANCE 6/30/77		
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		694,831.14
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		\$5,690,795.34

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976-77

	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/77
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Board of Selectmen	13,405.00	\$75.00	\$12,817.31	\$662.69	
Town Accountant	11,320.00		10,940.90	379.10	
Town Clerk	9,558.00		9,462.47	95.53	
Town Collector	12,633.00		11,942.81	690.19	
Town Treasurer	10,253.00		10,163.20	89.80	
Tax Title Account	1,800.00		1,477.12	322.88	
Tax Possession Account	100.00			100.00	
Board of Assessors	31,925.00		31,888.77	36.23	
Finance Committee	100.00		50.00	50.00	
Election & Registration	3,850.00	335.00*	4,184.24	.76	
Planning Board	9,435.00		1,152.62	5,202.38	3,080.00
Board of Appeals	300.00		142.34	157.66	
Town Office	13,850.00	488.00*	13,631.47	706.53	
Industrial Commission	100.00			100.00	
Conservation Commission	350.00		61.78	288.22	
Town Counsel	7,500.00		7,351.32	148.68	
Print Real Estate Book	3,000.00		1,741.57	1,258.43	
Dehumidifier—Town Vault	175.00		165.00	10.00	

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department	57,186.82	50.00	54,006.59	3,230.23	
Town Ambulance	3,755.00		3,601.60	153.40	
Fire Department	63,585.00		52,837.72	8,888.53	1,858.75
Hydrant Rental	1,740.00		1,740.00		

	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/77
Insect Pest Control	742.01		423.70	318.31	
Shade Tree Account	500.00		329.75	170.25	
Care of Town Elms	1,800.00		1,366.00	434.00	
Civil Defense	1,750.00		1,534.94	215.06	
Dog Officer	3,550.00		3,445.73	104.27	
Communications Center	27,104.00		26,520.01	583.99	
2 Police Dept. Vehicles	10,500.00		9,761.33	738.67	
New Ambulance	31,000.00				31,000.00
New Police Station	37,250.00		25,166.62		12,083.38
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Board of Health	7,500.00		5,040.67	2,459.33	
Care of Landfill Area	16,200.00	900.00*	17,064.41	35.59	
Mosquito Control	400.00		400.00		
Berkley-Dignton Community Center	1,000.00		984.99	15.01	
Rubbish Contract	26,433.00		26,433.00		
Water Service to Landfill Area	9,000.00				9,000.00
Metal Bldg. for Landfill Area	5,600.00			5,600.00	
Purchase of Land—adjacent to landfill	3,500.00		3,500.00		
Consulting Engineer—pollution	15,000.00		5,593.53		9,406.47
HIGHWAYS					
Highway Department	116,138.04	3,000.00*	118,901.44	236.60	
Road Machinery	10,000.00	3,375.00*	13,268.02	106.98	

	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/77
Brush Control	600.00		489.00	111.00	
Sidewalk Maintenance	1,500.00		1,486.70	13.30	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,200.00		901.92	298.08	
Highway Maintenance Account	15,000.00		14,982.64	17.36	
Construction & Improvement M/A 28958	15,000.00		15,000.00		4,500.00
Center & Main Streets M/A 28957	4,500.00				
Maple Street Construction	5,000.00		5,000.00		
Front-end loader	23,000.00		22,775.00		225.00
Woodchipper	6,800.00		5,872.30	927.70	
Williams Street M/A 28958	14,223.00		11,419.76		2,803.24
VETERANS SERVICES					
Veterans Benefits	20,000.00		17,904.90		2,095.10
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY					
School Department	1,133,416.00		1,129,855.99	3,560.01	
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District	681,196.24		681,196.24		
Public Library	9,090.32		9,046.18	4.14	
Dehumidifier—Public Library	750.00		295.00	455.00	
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED					
Playground & Recreation	7,295.00	825.00*	7,733.35	386.65	
Memorial Day Observance	250.00	12.00*	262.00		

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	Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Expended	Transfers	Balance 6/30/77
Civic Center Maint./					
Former Highway Garage Maint.	1,000.00		690.35	309.65	
Contributory County Retirement Assessment	37,925.00		37,925.00		
Town Insurance	39,586.00		31,185.41	1,500.59	6,900.00
Contributory Group Insurance	30,000.00	743.99*	30,743.99		
State Pension Reimbursement	1,200.00		1,088.52	111.48	
Council on Aging	2,401.00	50.00	2,438.77	12.23	
Historical Commission	300.00		162.22	137.78	
Tuitions—Educational Courses	450.00		104.91	345.09	
Veterans Building Maintenance	600.00		600.00		
Reserve Account appropriated	15,000.00		10,348.99	4,651.01**	
Interest on Loans	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Cemeteries—Public Property	950.00		949.80	.20	
	\$2,650,120.43	\$9,853.99	\$2,529,591.91	\$41,830.57	\$88,551.94
*from Reserve Fund				37,179.56 to Revenue	
				** 4,651.01 to Overlay	
					41,830.57

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS REVENUE

Balance 7/1/76		\$292,284.77
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Amount added 7/1/76 - 6/30/77

Highway Reimbursement	\$ 24,146.00	
Tax Title Redemption	7,432.25	
Special accounts closed	3,956.53	
FY1976 County Assessment adjustment	.01	
1977 Revenue	70,397.80	105,932.59
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		\$398,217.36

Amount deducted 7/1/76 - 6/30/77

Tax Titles	\$ 9,266.94	
Annual Town Meeting	160,678.11	169,945.05
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		\$228,272.31

FREE CASH

Surplus Revenue		\$228,272.31
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Less uncollected taxes

Levy of 1974/75	\$ 32.80	
Levy of 1975/76	7,011.85	
Levy of 1976/77	32,395.89	39,440.54
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		\$188,831.77

FREE CASH AS CERTIFIED 7/1/77		\$188,831.00
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FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Fiscal Year 1977

P.L. 92-512

RECEIPTS

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds P.L. 92-512	\$65,258.00
Interest on invested funds	193.59
	\$65,721.59
Total Cash Received	\$65,721.59
Cash Balance 7/1/76	20,817.36
	\$86,538.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Police Department	\$85,408.74
Public Library Improvements	366.18
	\$85,774.92
Total Cash Disbursements	\$85,774.92
Cash Balance 6/30/77	764.03
	\$86,538.95

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

	Appropriated	Expended	Balance
Police Department	\$85,408.74	\$85,408.74	-0-

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

P.L. 94-488

RECEIPTS

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds P.L. 94-488	\$21,135.00**
**On hand 6/30/77	

TOWN OF DIGHTON
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS—P.L. 92-512

Balance Sheet
June 30, 1977

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
Cash	\$ 764.03	Appropriation Control - 1978	\$ 764.03
Transfers from P.L. 92-512 authorized	764.03	FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS - P.L. 92-512	764.03
	<u>\$ 1,528.06</u>		<u>\$ 1,528.06</u>

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TOWN OF DIGHTON
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS—P.L. 94-488

Balance Sheet
June 30, 1977

Cash	\$ 21,135.00	Appropriation Control - 1978	\$ 89,235.97
Transfers from P.L. 94-488 authorized	89,235.97	FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS - P.L. 94-488	21,135.00
	<u>\$110,370.97</u>		<u>\$110,370.97</u>

TOWN OF DIGHTON
TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS
June 30, 1977

ASSETS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer

\$192,243.57

LIABILITIES & RESERVES

In Custody of Treasurer:

School Fund:

Charles S. Chase

\$ 1,516.35

Cemetery Funds:

Joshua Bliss

Perpetual Care

\$ 7,480.81

13,743.10

21,224.91

Investment Funds:

Stabilization

169,503.31

\$192,243.57

\$192,243.57

of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEES

TOWN OF DIGHTON

and

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Year Ending June 30, 1977

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	Term Expires
Charles E. McKenna, Chairman 2136 Pleasant St., Dighton	1978
Robert S. McConville, Secretary 860 Prospect St., No. Dighton	1980
Wallace A. Wood, Financial Secretary 1392 Pine St., Dighton	1978
John T. Harris 2143 Pleasant St., Dighton	1980
David R. Neely 2440 Pleasant St., Dighton	1980
Maynard F. Horton, Jr. 251 Walker St., No. Dighton	1979
Nicholas Santore Rebecca Rd., No. Dighton	1979

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Richard F. Simmons, Chairman 214 Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton	1979
Joseph DeRoche, Secretary 162 Moulton St., Rehoboth	1979
John Burke 846 Spring St., No. Dighton	1980
Gardner D. Pickering, 45 School St., Rehoboth	1980
Philip Travis Fairview Ave., Rehoboth	1978
Dr. Wallace Wood 1392 Pine St., Dighton	1978

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SUPERINTENDENT

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Joseph C. Harrington, Ed. D.

Residence: 54 School Street, Rehoboth

Office: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

Telephone: (Office) 252-4500, 252-6833

(Home) 252-4552

ADMINISTRATOR OF BUSINESS

James P. Horton, B. S.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

Russell F. Latham, M. Ed.

OFFICE STAFF

Nancy J. Goulart, Office Manager	Superintendent's Office
Beverly Chaloux, Secretary	Superintendent's Office
Doris Reed, Treas. and Accounting Officer,	
	D-R Reg. Sch. Oistrict
Bernadette DeRoche, Secretary	Special Services' Office
Joyce Grassie, Secretary	Special Services' Office
Doreen Lounsbury, Secretary	Superintendents' Office
Lois Munroe, Head Secretary	Special Services' Office
Joan M. Reed, Secretary	Superintendents' Office

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

D-R

Dr. Charles Souza

DIGHTON

Dr. Charles Souza

SCHOOL NURSES

D-R

Albertine Dwyer, R.N.

DIGHTON

Carolyn Booth, R.N.

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Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. Kindergarten registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least five years of age or who will become five years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a birth certificate.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a doctor's certificate of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles and polio or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable. Children entering school for the first time are required to have a physical examination also.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary, Junior High School and Kindergarten

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school, the notice will be broadcast over Radio Stations WPEP and WRLM, Taunton; WSAR and WALE, Fall River; WPRO, WJAR, WHIM and WEAN, Providence; and WARA, Attleboro.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated, there will be school at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing, the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for elementary school.

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The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Approved by School Committee
1977 - 1978

DIGHTON &
DIGHTON REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools

School Opens September 6, 1977

Closes December 23, 1977 73 days

School Opens January 3, 1978

Closes February 17, 1978 35 days

School Opens February 27, 1978

Closes April 14, 1978 34 days

School Opens April 24, 1978

Closes June, 1978 38 days

Total 180 days

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

October 10, 1977—Columbus Day

November 2, 1977—Teachers' Convention

November 11, 1977—Veteran's Day

November 24 & 25, 1977—Thanksgiving Recess

January 16, 1978—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

March 21, 1978—Good Friday

May 29, 1978—Memorial Day

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my first report as Superintendent of Schools.

For the past twenty-two years the school system has been under the capable superintendence of Robert T. Roy. Mr. Roy's retirement and untimely death concluded a career which was devoted to the children he served. Through his effective leadership style and personality he won the respect of students, fellow workers, school committeemen, parents and citizens. Through his contributions Mr. Roy achieved local and regional recognition as an outstanding educator. Mr. Roy was known by his colleagues as the Dean of Superintendents in Southeastern Massachusetts. An individual of such stature touches, and to some degree affects, the life of everyone he meets. Robert T. Roy was that kind of a man and educator. It was an honor to know and work with him.

The respect of the committees he served is attested to by the many tributes which were paid to him prior to his death. Everyone connected with Mr. Roy recognized how proud he was to have the D-R athletic fields, the scholarship fund and the outstanding D-R student award carry his name. The combination of these honors, the Roy scholarship fund, the Roy medal and Roy athletic fields, pay justifiable tribute to and are permanent memorials for the contributions of an outstanding man and educator. He will be missed but not forgotten!

I call to your attention to the reports of the principals, Philip Dyer, Dighton Elementary School, Leo T. Wontkowski, Dighton Junior High School and Marshall Sawyer, Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I hereby respectfully submit my fourth annual report as supervising principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

Enrollment

Our enrollment as of October 1 at the elementary level was 564. The enrollment at the Kindergarten housed in portable classrooms behind the junior high was 62 and grades 1-5 was 502.

As in the past the school is crowded. Fourth and fifth grades are crowded with class size of thirty three or more.

Curriculum and School Program

The Spelling Program has been updated this year using the new McGraw Hill series, **Basic Goals in Spelling**, for Grades 1-5. During this year the Curriculum Improvement Committee will be studying language programs with the intent of adopting a new series for the 1978-79 school year.

The Curriculum Improvement Committee has met on a regular basis to discuss modifications to current instructional programs. Many improvements have been suggested and implemented through the efforts of this committee including standardization of letter formation in penmanship.

The Resource Room at the elementary school has been commended as a model program by the Council for Exceptional Children. Mrs. Walton, one of our resource teachers, will be making a presentation at the National Conference in Kansas City this spring.

The Title I Program has been continued for another year. A Parent Advisory Committee called "ZAP" assists in the monitoring of the program and program planning.

Personnel

New staff members this year are: Mrs. Kathryn D'Agata, Grade 1 and Ms. Cheryl Mainguy, School Adjustment Counselor. Mrs. Patricia Snee has changed from Grade 1 to Grade 3. New instructional aides are: Mrs. Carol Horton, Kindergarten; Miss Elizabeth Kent, Grade 3; Miss Mary Beth Cianciulli, Grade 5; Mrs. Donna Viera, Title I; and Miss Deborah Doherty and Miss Jane Aspinall, Resource Room.

The Town of Dighton is fortunate to have a staff which is extremely conscientious and competent servicing the needs of its 564 students.

The entire support staff in the office, the cafeteria, and the custodians work untiringly contributing to the smooth operation of the school.

Conclusion

I wish to thank Dr. Harrington for his support and interest this year. My thanks to the Dighton School Committee for their encouragement, assistance and support.

To the entire staff of the elementary school I express my deepest respect and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP C. DYER,

Principal

ANNUAL REPORT
REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE
DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dr. Joseph C. Harrington
Superintendent of Schools

I hereby submit my eleventh annual report as principal of Dighton Junior High School.

Enrollment

Our present enrollment is 321 students, a decrease of 9 students from last year's enrollment.

Curriculum and School Program

Two years ago we began a parent volunteer program. During that time it had been operated in an informal manner. This year, it was decided to try to increase the number of volunteers to at least ten members and to ask each of them to participate in a definite weekly schedule. The volunteers work in the grade six reading program and they then tutor individual students.

As of this time, we have sixteen volunteers committed to this program. They work in the school one to three days per week from approximately one hour, 20 minutes to two hours per day. As of this report, our volunteers are: Mrs. Natalie Borba, Mrs. Roseanne Costa, Mrs. Bette Coughlan, Mrs. Vera Hjerpe, Mrs. Grace Murray, Mrs. Louise Richards, Mrs. Anna Rose, Mrs. Carol Russell, Mrs. Mary Santos, Mrs. Vivianne Silvia, Mrs. Doris Smith, Mrs. Shirley Veronesi, Mrs. Jeanne Whitmore, Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, Mrs. Elaine Wynn, and Mrs. Carole Zucco.

The staff and I want to express our sincerest thanks to these generous and concerned members of the community for their help in improving the school's educational program.

During the past several years, our staff has been developing individualized programs in various subjects. These permit a student to advance as rapidly as his or her initiative can

inspire. At the same time, this material is also constructed to meet different levels of difficulty so that all participating students will find assignments on their achievement level. As of this report, we have three such programs—grade six math, grade six reading, and grade eight social studies. We plan to explore the possibilities of incorporating other such programs into our curriculum as circumstances permit.

In addition to the above, Mr. George Costa, our guidance counselor, and Mr. Raymond Medeiros, grade eight social studies teacher, are providing a career awareness program for eighth graders. This is a classroom activity in which students research career areas, discuss goal setting and decision making techniques. The emphasis is not on deciding on a career at this early stage of their lives but on accumulating resources for making future choices. Materials used include video tapes, filmstrips, and career education literature.

Finally, our “Everybody Reads” activity has now been incorporated by all three grades. As the title implies, it is a time when staff and students read material of their own choice. This program goes on during each team’s noon break and is a very worthwhile use of time which was previously used unproductively. Besides changing the reading habits of students for the better, it sets the proper mood for the noon academic program.

Improvements to Building

Since the last report, there have been some improvements made in the school which will help to provide a better teaching atmosphere. The grade eight science room, located in the basement of the school, has been completely refurbished. In the large grade seven area, two moveable room dividers have been installed which now permit the grade seven team some much needed flexibility. All the teaching and office areas have been furnished with self-lined drapes. This will permit the staff to effectively use audio-visual material.

As of this time, our biggest problems—the noisy gym and the absence of an adequate library—still exist.

Personnel

Our staff now consists of nineteen full-time teachers, four itinerant teachers, four full-time instructional aides, one full-time teacher aide, and three part-time teacher aides. The office staff is comprised of one administrator, one guidance counselor, and one secretary. We share the services of the school nurse with the Elementary School and the Kindergarten.

This year, we have five new staff members—two teachers, two instructional aides, and one part-time teacher aide. Miss Paula North has replaced Mrs. Eunisa Wordell as the English teacher for the grade eight teaching team. Mrs. Kathleen Timmins is replacing Mr. Richard Carney for this academic year while he is on a leave of absence attending graduate school. The new instructional aides are Mrs. Margaret Caron, grade seven team, and Miss Jeannine Roy, grade eight team. Mrs. Shirley Sandner has joined the staff as a part-time teacher aide.

Conclusion

Each of the past several years has brought about an improvement in the teaching and learning atmosphere in the school. The staff and I attribute this progress to our successful team teaching organization. In this respect, we would like to thank the Dighton School Committee and our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joseph C. Harrington, for their support. We hope to continue to improve in our efforts in helping to provide for the educational needs of this community.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO T. WONTKOWSKI,

Principal

ANNUAL REPORT
REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
OF DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

TO: Dr. Joseph C. Harrington

Superintendent of Schools

I herewith respectfully submit my annual report as Principal of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

Enrollment

The enrollment in the high school showed a decrease of 25 students as of October 1, 1977 as compared to the previous year. On October 1, 1977, we had 1,086 students officially enrolled in the high school. Due to the anticipated large freshmen class next year this decline in enrollment is expected to be temporary. Our projected enrollment for the next school year is 1,122.

Faculty

Mrs. Valerie Gordon, an English teacher at Dighton-Rehoboth resigned in June, 1977. Miss Leslie Colaluca was hired to replace Mrs. Gordon. Mrs. Gordon had taught at Dighton-Rehoboth for seven years.

Mrs. Janet Gilman who taught Science at Dighton-Rehoboth for 4½ years retired at the end of the first semester in January, 1977. Mrs. Gilman was replaced by Mrs. Judy Brown who had previous teaching experience at Framingham North High School.

Mr. Gerald Furtado resigned in December, 1976 to accept a position as Assistant Principal at Case High School in Swansea, MA. Mr. Furtado had served 6½ years as a teacher in the resource room of the high school. Mr. Thomas O'Malley, from Minnesota, was hired to replace Mr. Furtado.

Mr. Ronald Soares of the Vocational High School left after a service of three years. Mr. Alfred Rose a former graduate of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional Vocational High School has replaced Mr. Soares.

Mrs. Mary Carter has accepted a maternity leave for the remainder of the 1977-78 school year. Mrs. Carter is planning to return as a teacher of Business Education during the next school year. Miss Cynthia Lyman has replaced Mrs. Carter.

Mrs. Judy Purdy started in September as a part-time teacher in the Home Economics Department. Mrs. Purdy teaches three courses in Child Care and Development at the high school.

Additional staff leaving Dighton-Rehoboth during 1977 were Miss Karen Castonguay and Mr. Dean Cronin. Both Miss Castonguay and Mr. Cronin served as Instructional Aides. Miss Castonguay left to accept a similar position for School Union #37 and is working out of the D. L. Beckwith School in Rehoboth, and Mr. Cronin left to accept a position in private business.

Curriculum

There were two major changes in the curriculum this year. One change involved the consolidation of several of the elective English courses into a few courses that would condense our offerings in English. As a result of this change, twenty-two English courses were consolidated into seven courses that would teach the important parts of each individual subject. In addition, a Junior Honors English and Senior Honors English course were offered to the students.

The other curriculum change was instituted in the Home Economics Department. As a major change, we expanded the "Play School" for four-year olds to two sessions each day instead of the one session that we had offered for two years. This has meant that more young children could be served and that high school students could gain more experience in working with children.

Conclusion

The year 1977 has been a year of continuous growth for Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. The solutions to the problems and the success that we have met has been due to the collective effort of the entire staff. I believe that the high school continues to offer an education program that is second to none in our area.

The death of our Superintendent, Robert T. Roy, in September, was, of course, an untimely misfortune that none of us were prepared to accept. His guidance, leadership and friendship will be missed. However, true to his calling, Mr. Roy left the high school in good shape for us to continue to provide a quality education for the young people of Dighton and Rehoboth.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Principal. I have received excellent cooperation from everyone and can truly say that I am proud of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL SAWYER,

Principal

Conclusion

The initial and sustained co-operation, performance and support from the office staff during my first six months as superintendent have been outstanding. Each one made contributions that allowed us to effectuate a smooth transition.

The central office administrators and building principals, which make up the administrative team, have been understanding, co-operative and supportive. Individually and collectively they make a significant contribution to the education of the youngsters we serve.

I have enjoyed the interaction I have had as Superintendent with our teaching staff. We have scheduled meeting in each building to allow members of the staff to have input into the decision making process and to provide an effective means of feedback. The dialogue during these meetings has been very worthwhile. These meetings have the potential for becoming an important part of future decisions.

My respect for all the employees in the system has gained a new dimension. My previous connection with them provided an insight into one aspect of their contributions. My new role has provided me with new insights which have increased my respect. The school system and the Town is fortunate to have such a fine dedicated staff. Each one plays an important role in the success we achieve. You can be proud of their effort and accomplishments.

The members of the School Committee have been co-operative and understanding. These individuals, through their civic contributions as members of the School Committee devote many hours of their time, energy and talent to their ever increasing responsibilities. I acknowledge their contributions, admire their effort and appreciate their understanding and support.

My association with the youngsters in our communities over the past nineteen years has been the source of tremendous pleasure, enjoyment and professional pride. I am pleased that

my new role as Superintendent allows me to play a more active role in their education.

Finally, I acknowledge and appreciate the support and encouragement I received from individual members of the community; it was deeply appreciated. My first six months as Superintendent have been all I expected, and more. I am proud to be Superintendent of Schools for Union #37 and the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH C. HARRINGTON, ED. D.,
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT
DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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Dr. Joseph Harrington

Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Dr. Harrington,

The annual report of the health program carried out in the Dighton Schools for the 1976-1977 school year follows:
Enrollment: 913, Kindergarten through Grade 8.

Visual Screening:

913 Students were tested by Titmus Optical Tester.

43 Students failed this test.

26 Referrals were completed.

1 Student moved.

Audio Screening:

913 Students were tested by Maico Audiometer for hearing acuity.

9 Students failed this test and were referred to ear specialists.

4 Referrals were completed, 5 students were currently being followed.

Physical Examinations:

92 Pre-school physical examinations were completed on all entering Kindergarten students by their own pediatricians. All required immunizations were completed.

Grades 4, 8 and Athletic Physicals—

219 Students were examined by Dr. Charles Souza, School Physician.

4 Students were referred to their family physician for further exaluation.

Tuberculin Screening Program:

Tuberculin screening was eliminated for students this

year since all entering Kindergarten students and new enrollees had been previously screened.

Tuberculin Screening Program:

10/11/77

23 Mantou tests were administered to school personnel.
All were negative.

3 Chest plates were performed at the Chest Clinic at
Sturdy Hospital for personnel. All were negative.

11/7/77

12 Mantou tests were administered to volunteer workers
at Dighton Jr. High School. 10 were negative. 2
were positive.

12/8/77

Chest plates done at Lakeville Hospital on 2 positive
reactors. Both were negative.

Immunization Program:

Complete immunization for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, mumps and rubella was again offered to all Dighton children by the Dighton Board of Health and the Dighton School Department. These Clinics are held annually at the Dighton Elementary School in March, April and May.

Results of the 1977 clinics follow:

3/18/77—Polio	87
D.P.T.	14
T.D.	64
MMR	19
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Total	184
4/15/77—Polio	10
D.P.T.	8
T.D.	90
MMR	2
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Total	110

5/13/77—Polio	6
D.P.T.	4
T.D.	2
MMR	22
Measles	20
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Total	54
5/20/77—MMR	85
Measles	103
T.D.	2
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Total	190

Due to the increase in regular measles cases in young people of junior high and high school ages, additional clinics were held at the recommendation of the Mass. Dept. of Health to accommodate this group.

Plans are now in progress to implement a Scoliosis Screening Clinic for students in grades five through eight. Scoliosis is an abnormal lateral curvature of the spine which occurs during these rapid growth years. Parents will receive additional information and permission slips prior to the screening clinic.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to the administrators, the school personnel, and the parents of our school children for their kindnesses, assistance, and cooperation during this past school year.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN M. BOOTH, R.N.

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ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1977

Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools

Grade	Enrollment
K	62
1	102
2	96
3	106
4	99
5	98
6	90
7	110
8	118
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TOTAL	881

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

9	101
10	90
11	103
12	102
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TOTAL	396
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TOTAL ENROLLMENT FOR DIGHTON 1277

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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Appropriation		\$1,133,416.00
1000 Administration	\$ 32,643.32	
2000 Instruction	664,285.57	
3000 Other School Services	63,246.28	
4000 Oper. & Maint. of Plant	189,108.34	
5000 Fixed Charges	6,339.24	
7000 Fixed Assets	8,624.51	
9000 Prog. with Oother Dist.	909.66	
Vocational Evening Program	211.50	
Kindergarten	24,236.94	
Special Education Program	140,250.63	
	<hr/>	\$1,129,855.99
Returned to Town		3,560.01
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		\$1,133,416.00

NET COST TO TOWN

Expended, 7-1-76 thru 6-30-77		\$1,129,855.99
Receipts, 7-1-76 thru 6-30-77:		
General State Aid, Ch. 70	\$420,541.64	
Transportation, Ch. 71	43,189.00	
Sp. Ed., Ch. 766	51,552.00	
Voc. Ed., Ch. 74	604.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	33.00	
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Total Receipts		\$515,919.64
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Net Cost to Town		\$613,936.35

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DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977

Expenditures

CAPITAL COSTS

Bond Retirement		\$110,000.00	
State Aid	\$68,335.83		
Appropriation	41,664.17		
		<hr/>	\$ 110,000.00
Interest on Bond Expenditures		\$ 15,170.00	

OPERATING COSTS

Item No.

1000 Administration	\$ 44,182.87	
2000 Instruction	1,208,502.93	
3000 Other School Services	170,820.93	
4000 Operation & Maintenance of Plant	233,754.82	
5000 Fixed Charges	89,080.90	
7000 Acquisition of Fixed Assets	60,256.64	
9000 Programs with Other Districts	12,704.34	
Special Education Program	87,452.51	
Vocational Day Program	120,577.88	
Evening School Program	1,1000.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,028,433.82

Receipts

State Reimburse.—Transportation	\$118,893.00
Tuitions	204,447.10
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Chap.766, Special Needs, 71-B	32,791.00
Chapter 71, Sec. 16-D, F/Y 75-76	10,322.81
Chapter 71, Sec. 16-D, F/Y 76-77	305,107.00
Chapter 74, Sec. 8-A, Vocational	3,661.00
Chapter 74, Sec. 9, Vocational	94,754.00

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Bristol County Treasurer—		
B/C-B/S Dividend	109.00	
Bristol County Treasurer—		
Insurance Dividend	276.52	
Cooperative Productions—		
B/C-B/S, Insurance, Reimburse.	1,547.82	
D-R Mini School—		
B/C-B/S Reimbursement	309.08	
Millis Schools—Sale of Trailer	1,400.00	
Other	1,787.47	
	<hr/>	775,405.80
Net Operating Cost		<hr/> \$1,253,028.02

FEDERAL AID

National Defense Act

TITLE II

Balance, July 1, 1976	\$ 156.88
Receipts	954.77
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Receipts	\$1,111.65
Expenditures	1,111.65
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TITLE III

Balance, July 1, 1976	\$3,156.85
Expenditures	3,156.85
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TITLE IV-B

Receipts	\$1,395.44
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Balance, June 30, 1977	\$1,395.44

Vocational Education Occupational (P.L. 90-576)

Balance, July 1, 1976	\$ 35.86
Expenditures	35.86
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DIGHTON SCHOOL FACULTY—December 31, 1977
Dighton Elementary School

Name	Education	Appt'd.
Principal		
Philip C. Dyer, M.Ed.	Northeastern University	1974
Faculty		
David G. Avila, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1973
Louise C. Borges, B.S.	University of Rhode Island	1974
Wendy H. Cute, B.A.	Ohio Wesleyan	1974
Marv M. DeMello, B.S.	Lowell State Teach. Col.	1964
Ann H. DiDomenico, M.Ed.	Univ. of Maine	1976
Nancy L. Durfee, B.S.	Murray State College	1962
Ann M. Emerson, B.A.	Rhode Island College	1975
Kathy A. Fischer, B.A.	Arizona State University	1973
Jane E. Gonzalski, B.S.	Westfield State College	1975
Dolores C. Johnson, A.B.	Salve Regina College	1965
Patricia Snee, B.A.	Univ. of Rhode Island	1975
William F. Kelleher, A.B.	St. Mary's College	1971
Donna Lee Sunderland, B.S.	So. Conn. State College	1970
Joan LaFrance, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Helen M. Lane, B.S.	New Britain Teachers' Col.	1968
Carol L. Stafford, B.S.	Roger Williams College	1972
Valerie J. Stares, B.A.	Wheaton College	1974
Carolyn H. Melesky, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1966
Cheryl Szostek, B.A.	Anna Maria College	1970
Pamela S. Walton, B.A.	S. M. U.	1973
Susan L. Thomson, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1972
Karen Vatcher, B.A.	University of Massachusetts	1970
Karen Yegidis, B.S.	Rhode Island College	1971
Kahtryn L. D'Agata, B.S.	Salem State College	1977

Dighton Junior High School

Principal		
Lec T. Wontkowski, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1967
Faculty		
Joan L. Broadie, M.Ed.	Wichita State University	1973
Salvatore L. Caiozzo, M.Ed.	Providence College	1970
Elizabeth Cummings	Mod. Sch. of Fashion Design	1970
Elizabeth W. Davis, M.A.	Rhode Island College	1968
Mary Isidorio, B.S.	S. M. U.	1972
Barbara Macdonald, B.S.	Barrington College	1975
John Masciarelli, B.A.	Boston University	1966

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Name	Education	Appt'd.
James McClellan, B.A.	Providence College	1971
Raymond J. Medeiros, B.A.	Providence College	1969
Elizabeth J. Needs, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1970
John S. Needs, B.A.	University of Mass.	1961
Judith Parker, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1972
Wallace R. Potts, B.S.	Rhode Island College	1966
Thomas M. Sherlock, Jr., M.Ed.	Rhode Island College	1971
Louis Silvia, Jr., B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1975
Frederick B. Stinson, Jr., B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1970
David T. Sullivan, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1975
Paula North, M.A.	Western State College	1977
Kathleen Timmins, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1977
Sandra Cleveland, B.S.	State Univ. of College of Arts & Science	1977
George Costa, Jr., M.Ed.	Univ. of Rhode Island	1977

Elementary Music Supervisor

Barbara L. Wallace, B.M.	Botson University	1966
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ESEA Title I

Katherine Cureen, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1973
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Instructional Aides

Deborah L. Doherty, B.A.	Univ. of Mass.	1977
Donna Viera, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1976
Louise Martin, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1976
Diane Rasmussen, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1974
Caryn Sanson, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1976
Dorothy Torres	Bridgewater State College	1972
Jane H. Aspinall, B.A.	Rhode Island College	1977
Jeannine Roy, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1977
Carol Horton, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1977
Mary Beth Cianciulli, B.S.	University of Connecticut	1977
Elizabeth Kent, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1977
Margaret H. Caron, B.S.	S. M. U.	1977
Karen A. Castonguav, B.A.	S. M. U.	1977
Diane DiMarco, B.A.	University of Rhode Island	1977

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Cafeteria Personnel

Name	
Louise G. Gomes, Mgr.	Jean Pacheco
Dora Ashley	Lois B. Pacheco
Carolyn Barboza	Mary F. Perry
Nancy M. Carleton	Thelma Pierce
Mona Harris	Barbara Pimento

Custodians

Name	
William G. Raposa	Edward Torres
Edmond Richard	John White

Special Educational Services

Name	Education	Appt'd.
J. Carol Angus, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1965
Marjorie Johnston, B.A.	U. R. I.	197
Richard Lawson, M.A.	Rhode Island College	1972
Patricia Mello, B.S.	University of Mass.	1974
Valerie Pillarella, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Corinne M. Pridham, C.A.G.S.	Rhode Island College	1974
Robert W. Otto, M.M.E.	University of Hartford	1972
Peter Polk, B.A.	University of Mass.	1969
Jeffrey B. White, B.S.	University of Bridgeport	1974
Cheryl Mainguy, M.Ed.	Fitchburg State	1977

Teacher Aides

Name	
Eugeria Andrade	Virginia Peterson
Barbara A. Deane	Alice Souza
Eleanor Dupont	Shirley Sandner
Della Hathaway	

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Personnel

Name	Education	Year of Appt.
Principal		
Marshall M. Sawyer, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Assistant Principal		
George H. Petrin, M.Ed.	University of Illinois	1972
Director of Occupational Educ.		
Francis M. Marcille, M.Ed.	Northeastern University	1960
Director of Guidance		
William F. Henry, C.A.G.S.	Boston College	1976

Secretaries

Sharon H. Araujo, Head Secretary
 Maureen Dutra, Guidance
 Joan E. Jecoy, Principal's Office
 Mildred Sullivan, Principal's Office

Guidance Staff

Ellen Carol Cotter, M.Ed.	Boston College	1967
John E. Laffoley, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1969
Jeanne H. Whittemore, M.Ed.	Rhode Island College	1974

Librarian

Alice W. Dunn, A.B.	Wheaton College	1966
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Library Instructional Aide

Jeanne Archard

Vocational High School

Nathan Lawrence, Director, Voc. Cert.
 John A. Berger, Voc. Cert.
 Robert B. Bramwell, Voc. Cert.
 Aldo F. Fasolo, Voc. Cert.
 Thurston D. Grant, Voc. Cert.
 Alfred Rose, Voc. Cert.

Secretary—Voc. H. S.

Dorothy Rousseau

Name	Education	Year of Appt.
Art		
Floyd E. Field, Jr., B.A.	Westfield State College	1974
Mary Louise Watson, B.F.A.	Mass. College of Art	1976
Business		
Mary Carter, M.Ed.	Providence College	1970
Marilyn F. Doolittle, B.S.	American International Col.	1974
Celeste Martins, B.S., Dept. Head	Bryant College	1960
Theresa Murphy, B.S.	Bryant College	1972
Milton W. Nachbar, M.Ed.	University of Rhode Island	1964
Edward J. Tartufo, B.A.	Curry College	1970
English		
Marv Benigni, A.B.	St. Joseph's College	1975
Leslie A. Colaluca, M.Ed.	Boston College	1977
Jeffrey J. Day, M.Ed.	University of Maine	1975
David M. DeThomas, M.Ed.	Boston College	1967
Francis J. Duart, M.d., Dept. Hd.	Bridgewater State College	1967
Kevin Gaffney, B.A.	Providence College	1976
Lois A. Hubbard, B.A.	University of Mass.	1970
Carol Lindblom, A.B.	Bates College	1968
David A. Marsden, M.Ed.	Northeastern University	1965
Edward Martin, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1974
Stephen H. Ohrenberger, B.A.	Bridgewater State College	1974
Evelyn A. Rice, M.Ed.	Boston College	1960
Merriam C. Rovito, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1973
Patricia Tummino, B.A.	University of Mass.	1974
Foreign Language		
James F. Frates, M.Ed., Dept. Hd.	Harvard University	1960
Lecn A. Long, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Louise W. Ring, A.B.	Boston University	1960
Kenneth F. Santos, M.Ed.	Providence College	1972
Christine S. Weydemeyer, M.Ed.	Duke University	1975
Home Economics—Food and Clothing		
Emilia S. Goyette, B.S.	University of Rhode Island	1972
Betsy J. McDermott, E.S.	University of Rhode Island	1973
Home Economics—Child Care and Development		
Carole Goldman, B.S.	University of Rhode Island	1974
Judy Purdy, M.Ed.	Columbia University	1977
Industrial Arts		
Joseph E. Cousineau, B.A.	Rhode Island College	1965
Kenneth Labonte, Voc. Cert.		1973
Edward G. Ranney, Jr., Voc. Cert.		1973
Arthur F. Tobin, M.Ed.	Northeastern University	1965

Name	Education	Year of Appt.
Mathematics		
Patricia L. Fay, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1971
Glen A. Field, B.A.	Northeastern University	1973
Joseph Flaherty, M.Ed., Dept. Hd.	Boston College	1969
Suzanne Flaherty, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1968
Michael C. Gendreau, M.Ed.	Rhode Island College	1971
Carol Ann Pawlak, B.A.	Brown University	1973
Alan M. Rabouin, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1969
William H. Reynolds, B.S.	University of Mass.	1969
Walter R. Scanlon, M.Ed.	Bridgewater State College	1960
Music		
Andre Descoteaux, B.M.E.	University of Lowell	1976
Stephen R. Osofsky, B.Mus.	Boston University	1972
Robert W. Otto, M.M.E.	University of Hartford	1972
Physical Education		
Richard A. Ruggiero, M.Ed.	Providence College	1966
Jane E. Unsworth, B.S.	Bridgewater State College	1960
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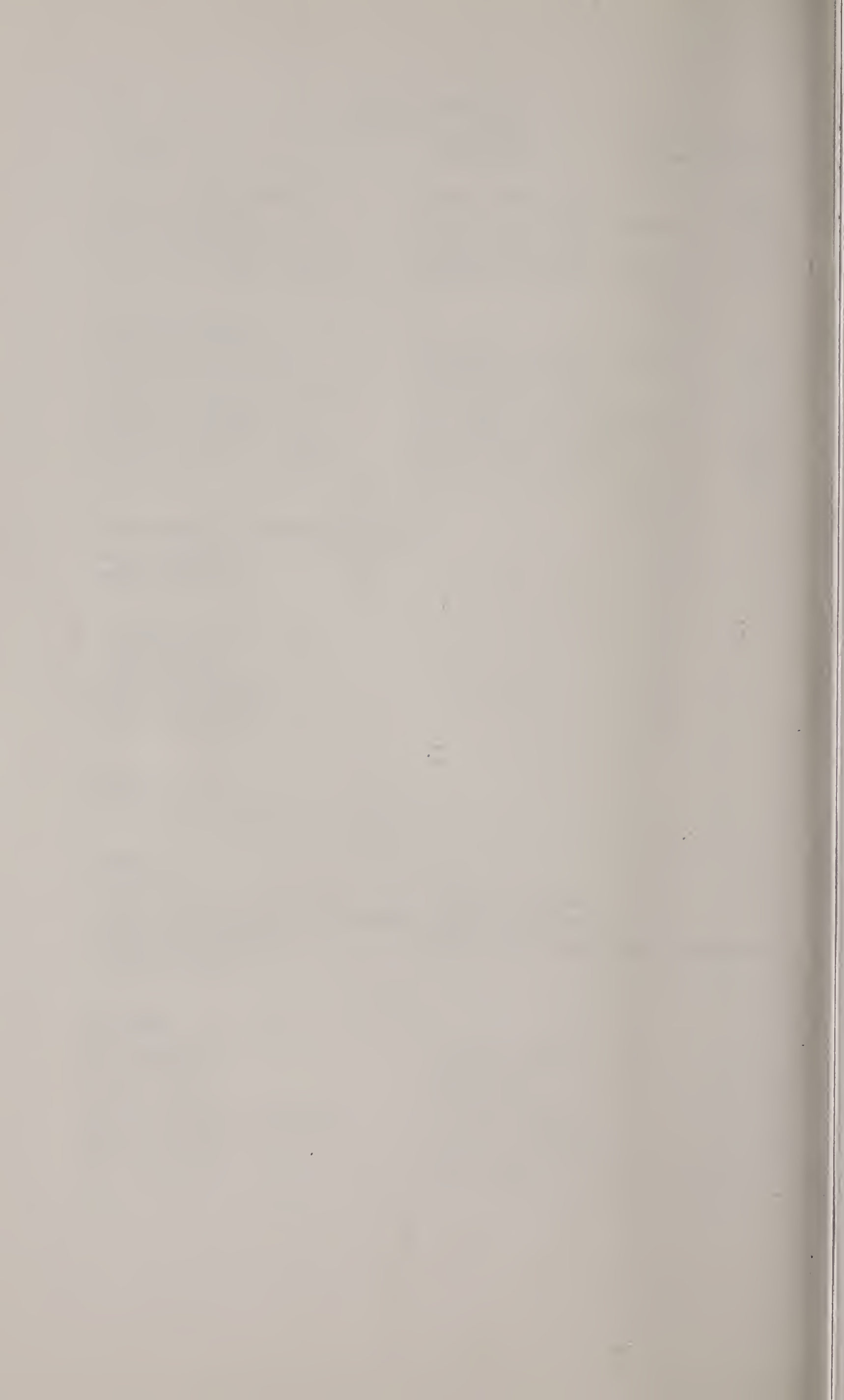
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Barbara Horton	Muriel Quint
Eila Karppinen	Rosa Rose



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GENERAL INFORMATION

OPEN MEETING LAW—CHAP. 39, SEC. 23A

Meetings of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session). A notice of such meetings must be filed at least forty-eight hours prior with the clerk of the district or town. (A regular schedule of meetings filed in advance is permissible.) Accurate records of all meetings shall be maintained setting forth action taken. A summary of all matters voted shall be made available with reasonable promptness after each meeting. The records shall become a public record and available to the public upon being approved. (For information on executive sessions and emergencies check law with Town Clerk.)

The town offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and the office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector is also open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen and Health, and the Assessors meet in their offices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

The School Committee meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Dighton Elementary School.

The Planning Board regularly meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Office Building.

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Selectmen's Office and Board of Health: 669-6431

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Town Clerk, Collector & Treasurer: 669-5411

Street Department: 669-5461

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